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Faith in the Future



The Icho Scholarship Group, clockwise from top right: Pete Hanke, Mark Weakley, John Wells, Eric Stebbins and Chris Herron.

What do a Connell wheat farmer, an Intel production manager, a Seattle attorney, an economist, and a passenger ferryboat captain have in common? Whitworth – and Icho.

By the standard definition, icho is the Japanese word meaning “wisdom.” But don’t try to convince **Pete Hanke, ’83, Mark Weakley, ’83, John Wells, ’81, Eric Stebbins, ’84, and Chris Herron, ’79**, of that. For these five Whitworth alums, icho means something even greater than wisdom.

In the years following their time at Whitworth, these friends spent each New Year’s Eve at Port Townsend, Wash., in a Japanese-style house that bore the name “Icho.” For all five men, that word came to mean lasting friendship – friendship that never fades despite varied beginnings, disparate professions and geographic separation.

Somewhere along the way, the Icho gang decided to do something special to honor the place where their friendship began. No one had amassed enough cash to make a substantial gift alone, so they began pooling their resources several years ago and took advantage of corporate matching gift programs to fund a \$25,000 endowed scholarship. They wanted to create a fund that would give ordinary students, just as each of them had been, a chance to attend Whitworth and cultivate relationships like the ones they forged.

“Our 22 years as friends has naturally centered mostly on ourselves – on ritual gatherings at Chris’ ranch, as well as weddings, funerals, and the like,” says Weakley. “The scholarship gives our friendship a new focus for the next 20-plus years. We’d like Whitworth students to receive support based on a theme of friendship, and, ideally, they’ll come to appreciate the unique opportunities Whitworth provides and they’ll join in our efforts.”

The first Icho Scholar will be named in fall 2000.

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Here in Publications & Media Relations, we've recently welcomed a new boss. He's **Greg Orwig, '91**, Whitworth's new director of communications. Greg joined the college in September, and he hasn't



Orwig

stopped running yet. It seems that everyone at Whitworth had been anticipating his arrival and stockpiling projects that needed his expertise; when he got here, he found a community eager to hear what he has to say and to see what he can do.

Among his many duties, Greg's charged with raising Whitworth's profile in both regional and national arenas, and with putting together an integrated marketing plan to ensure that the college is putting its best foot forward in every venue in terms of its publications and media relations.

Since graduating nearly 10 years ago, Greg's spent about half his career as a daily newspaper reporter and the other half doing higher education public relations.

"As a reporter," he says, "I covered everything from stock shows and state legislatures to murder trials and the

military. As exciting as it was to be involved in writing the first draft of history as a journalist, it's been even more rewarding to invest myself in an organization and see a positive impact over time." Most recently, he spent nearly four years at the University of Washington managing media relations for several schools and colleges and getting involved in strategic communications planning for the university. "This experience should serve us well as we seek to tell the Whitworth story with greater consistency and sophistication and to a larger audience than ever before," he says.

With a solid background in markets much larger than Spokane, why did Greg want to return to his alma mater? "I've always been grateful for the education I received at Whitworth and for how well it prepared me for my career," he says. "Now I feel fortunate to be able to bring that experience back and put it to work for the college. I really believe in Whitworth's mission, so it's both a blessing and a challenge to be involved in making sure we do justice to that mission in communicating with the college's constituents."

We hope you'll join us in welcoming Greg home – and in supporting his efforts to help us tell the Whitworth story in new and exciting ways to an ever-growing, ever-more-diverse audience.

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FAITH IN THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN ON ITS WAY

The HUB was the scene of the festive kickoff celebration for Whitworth's \$50-million Faith in the Future Campaign on Oct. 22. The event featured music, speeches, great food, artistic and informational displays, hulas by

Hawaiian students and sacred dance by the members of Jubilation, along with the opportunity to hear from and greet faculty, staff, trustees and friends of the college.

"Our goal in the Faith in the Future Cam-



(Above) Professor of Philosophy **Forrest Baird** discusses the importance of Whitworth's Core program and the campaign initiative to raise funds to build a new Core lecture hall. (Below right) **Jubilation**, Whitworth's dance troupe, performs a sacred dance to open the presentation portion of the evening.

paign is to proclaim and enhance the academic excellence of Whitworth College," said Whitworth President **Bill Robinson** in his remarks. "We look forward, over the course of the campaign, to building and deepening relationships with people who recognize the enduring value of a Whitworth education and want to join us in raising the institution to new heights."

The campaign is off to an excellent start, with its "silent phase" fund-raising total at \$32.5 million. Major donations announced during the trustee meeting preceding the kickoff included a \$3-million gift from longtime Whitworth supporters who prefer to remain anonymous; \$1 million from Whitworth College Board of Trustees Chair **Chuck Boppell** and his wife, **Karlyn**; \$1 million from the Spokane-based Comstock Foundation, and \$100,000 from Bill and **Bonnie Robinson**. The public phase of the campaign will continue until June 30, 2002.

Emphasizing that the college is currently "on a roll," campaign co-chairs and trustees **Harvey Bolton**, '61, and **John Scotford**, '51, spoke of their commitment to Whitworth and to the campaign. Bolton called the campaign "an opportunity to connect or reconnect with a large number of people to tell them about the great things happening at Whitworth." Scotford's statement that both he and Bolton are dedicated to investing in winners prompted Bolton to add, "Supporting Whitworth is investing in the lives of students who make a positive impact in the world - and there's simply no better investment anyone can make."



Hawaiian Club members **Charlin Kaaihili**, left, and **D. Pua Lariosa** take a break from entertaining guests with hula dances from the islands.



grant notes

As part of a three-year grant awarded to the college by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust in 1996, a team of Whitworth Science Department faculty received a ramp-up grant for supervising students in scientific research. This year the grant allowed 13 Whitworth student research posters to be presented at the Murdock Undergraduate Science Conference meetings at Linfield College. Seventeen biology, chemistry and physics students supplied the posters, which reported results from student research projects on such topics as airglow and computer modeling of organic molecules. **Richard Stevens**, assistant professor of physics, was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the International Society for Optical Engineering that was matched by \$4,990 from the Whitworth Academic Challenge Fund. **Lindaman Chair Susan Bratton** received a \$29,980 grant from the National Science Foundation Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education for her proposal, "Science, Environmental Policy, and the Ethics of Commercial Fishing." **Corliss Slack**, chair and associate professor of History/Political and International Studies, received a Sponsored Programs Office Mini-Grant for a subvention for her book "Crusade Charters."

WEYERHAEUSER CENTER INAUGURATES IMMERSION WEEK

Whitworth's Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning is offering a Certificate in Spiritual Formation designed for both pastors and laypeople.

Spiritual Immersion Week introduces participants to the certificate program and to the formative aspects of Christian spirituality. "Through readings, lectures and discussion, participants are introduced to important elements of Hebrew, New Testament, monastic and Reformed spirituality," says **Tim Dolan**, program coordinator for the Weyerhaeuser Center.

Participants also engage in guided meditations and spend time in prayer, personal reflection and journal-writing. The culminating experience is writing a spiritual autobiography.

Twenty-two people attended the first Spiritual Immersion Week, held at Whitworth in July. Ben Johnson, professor of Christian spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., and **Terry McGonigal**, dean of the chapel and campus pastor at Whitworth, led the program.

"The immersion week was a source of blessing, both personally and professionally," said a pastor from Tokyo, Japan. "I believe it will be a marking point for my continual need for lifelong renewal in Jesus Christ."

Spiritual Immersion Weekends will be held January 27-30 and July 6-9 at Whitworth; and May 18-21 at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah.



Photo by Julie Riddle

Immersion Week participants chat between sessions.

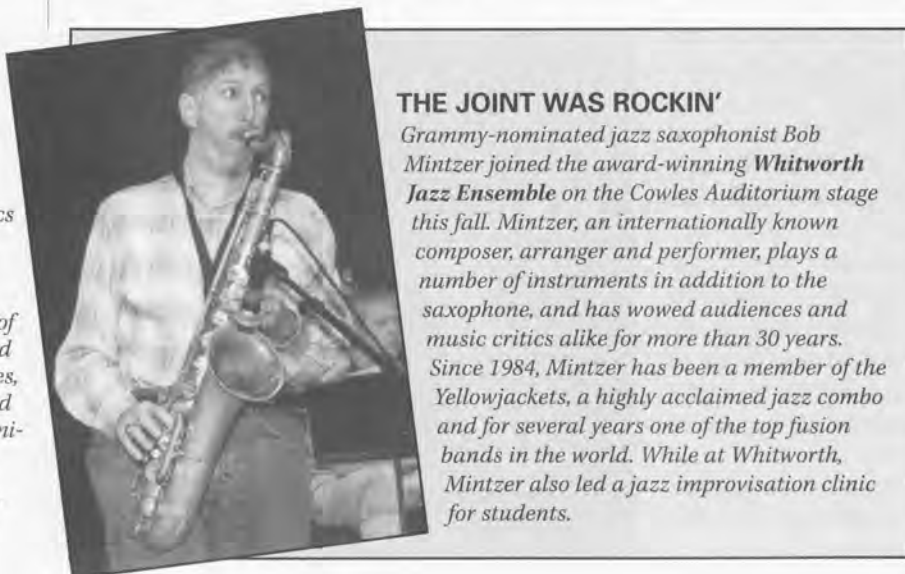
REDMOND READINGS BRINGS WRITER/ACTIVIST TO CAMPUS

Author and activist Nancy Mairs, the English Department's fall 1999 Ada Redmond Reader, visited campus in September. Mairs, who has multiple sclerosis, writes about and is an activist for the disabled and for the poor in America; she also champions women's rights and other social justice issues. Approximately 150 students, faculty and community members attended the reading, which included an essay on euthanasia and reproductive rights for the disabled from Mairs' new book, tentatively titled *Life's Worth: Rethinking How We Live and Die*. While at Whitworth, Mairs also spoke at Chapel and visited writing classes.



BRAVO!

Associate Professor of Theatre **Diana Trotter** was feted at the "Tony Awards for amateur theatre" this spring when the Spokane Civic Theatre's production of Steven Dietz's *Lonely Planet* was named best in the nation by the American Association of Community Theatres. Trotter was named best director for her work on the play, and the two-member cast shared best-actor honors. The production of Dietz's play, which tells a story of AIDS and friendship, had earned the company first place in the association's state and regional competitions held earlier in the year.



THE JOINT WAS ROCKIN'

Grammy-nominated jazz saxophonist Bob Mintzer joined the award-winning **Whitworth Jazz Ensemble** on the Cowles Auditorium stage this fall. Mintzer, an internationally known composer, arranger and performer, plays a number of instruments in addition to the saxophone, and has wowed audiences and music critics alike for more than 30 years. Since 1984, Mintzer has been a member of the *Yellowjackets*, a highly acclaimed jazz combo and for several years one of the top fusion bands in the world. While at Whitworth, Mintzer also led a jazz improvisation clinic for students.

CH-CH-CH-CHANGES

Demolition, remodeling, new construction: Whitworthians have seen the first two of these campus-altering activities in 1999, and the third's not too far down the road. Last summer, Calvin Hall and the Nutrition House came



Photo by Mike Cronin



Photo by Sharon Wolf

And the walls came tumblin' down. Top: Calvin Hall, the World War II-era building that most recently housed Kinesiology/Athletics and Economics/Business, was demolished in October. Calvin was first used as a dormitory; it later provided classroom and office space. Bottom: After 79 years on its north-campus site, the Nutrition House plummeted to the ground (with a little help) this summer. The building, constructed in 1920, housed the school's nutrition program for many years. Recently, it had been home to Whitworth's Young Life program. Once the rubble was removed, grass was planted on the site, which now shows no evidence of its former life.

down and Hawthorne and Alder Halls underwent renovations. Now Dixon Hall is ready for gutting and total refurbishment, and a new academic building is the chief goal of an academic facilities initiative at the center of the Faith in the Future Campaign.

Alder, which houses the Master of International Management Department, was completely renovated last summer, and new landscaping was installed around the building and on the Calvin site. Funding for the project and for the Calvin demolition was provided by Trustee John Scotford and his wife, Judy.

Whitworth purchased Hawthorne Hall (formerly Whitworth Elementary School) in 1998 and renovated approximately a third of the building last summer to create eight classrooms and nine offices. Classes are now meeting there, and several departments will eventually relocate their offices to the refurbished facility.

A complete renovation of Dixon Hall, the college's primary academic building, will begin in January. Faculty and staff from the Master in Teaching Program and the School of Education, housed in Dixon, have relocated temporarily to Hawthorne Hall, and upcoming classes will be shifted there as well. The Psychology Department has made Hendrick Hall (the old Student Life Building) its temporary home.

Funding for the Dixon and Hawthorne Hall renovations comes from long-term, tax-exempt financing authorized by the board of trustees, says **Tom Johnson**, vice president for business affairs.

In December 1998 the college issued \$14.2 million in bonds, part of which was used to acquire Hawthorne Hall and to fund the renovations.

The largest portion of the Faith in the Future Campaign's academic facilities initiative is devoted to the construction of a much-needed academic building on the site of Leavitt Dining Hall. This new building, projected to cost \$5 million, is the largest capital project of Whitworth's \$50-million campaign. Johnson says that, in addition to providing state-of-the-art space for traditional-size classes, the building will include a 250-seat teaching auditorium to showcase Whitworth's Core program.

INFORMATION, PLEASE

The collection of information for a history of journalism education at Whitworth is under way. Emphasis currently is on Part I, 1946-80. Journalism majors, minors and publication staff members (from The Whitworthian and Natsihi) during those years are asked to provide information about careers, special assignments, awards, etc. Please send any information to:

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PLAY BALL! NEW FIELDS NEARLY READY TO GO

The new athletics fields and buildings on the west end of the Whitworth College campus will be ready to go for the 2000 softball and soccer seasons. Included in the \$1.5-million complex are a softball field complete with bullpens, batting cages and sunken dugouts; an international-size soccer field, a hammer and discus area, additional practice areas, and buildings for the press box, concessions stands and locker rooms. The softball field will be ready for play in March, and the soccer field will host its first contest in September.

Northwest Architectural Company handled the architectural duties on the project, while Taylor Engineering covered the civil and landscape engineering. The general contractor is Walker Construction.

"The fields are beautiful," says Whitworth Athletics Director **Scott McQuilkin**, '84. "They are well-designed and their location on campus allows for visibility by the surrounding community. In addition, the expansion of the college's athletics fields will provide much better experiences for our student-athletes, who will no longer travel to off-site fields for practice and competition."

SHAGOOL RIDES INTO SUNSET

After 20 years at Whitworth, Assoc. Registrar **Mardelle Shagool, '93**, bid the college goodbye in September. With characteristic generosity, Shagool stayed on through the first month of the academic year, helping students through Fieldhouse Registration and the first weeks of classes while supporting her colleagues through the most frenetic time of their busy year. "Mardelle's retirement marks a real loss in the Registrar's Office," says Registrar **Gary Whisenand**. "For many faculty, staff and students she was the embodiment of warm, caring service – the person who would go the extra mile to help others reach their goals. She will be greatly missed."

BATIK ARTIST SHARES CULTURE, TALENT WITH COLLEGE

*Nicholas Sironka, a batik artist and Maasai tribesman from Kenya, joined the Whitworth Art Department this fall as an artist-in-residence. Sironka paints batiks to give others an accurate portrayal of his cultural heritage. His work was shown in a month-long exhibit at the Koehler Gallery, and he held two batik workshops at which he dressed in native costume and talked about the Maasai culture. During the workshops, Sironka also gave a batik demonstration, and guests participated in creating batik art. **Gordon Wilson**, associate professor of art, and **Lynn Noland**, director of sponsored programs, recently submitted a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence grant application that would allow Sironka to return to Whitworth for the 2000-2001 school year.*



Photo by Mike Ryan

ROBINSON ELECTED TO LEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The importance of building a strong connection between higher education and economic growth was recently highlighted by Whitworth President **Bill Robinson's** selection as chair-elect of the Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce. His duties will commence in 2001.

Robinson is currently co-chair of the chamber's Higher Education Leadership Group (please see Page 13 for more details), and he has played an important role in coordinating the efforts of area colleges and universities to support economic growth in the region.

Creating stronger links between higher education institutions and the business community is one of Robinson's primary goals as he joins the chamber's executive committee and prepares to take over as chair of the board.

"My involvement with the chamber simply is an acknowledgement of the interdependence between economic growth and higher education," said Robinson. "And to that end, I hope I can help raise the level of cooperation among those who influence and love the Spokane area."

STUDENTS BEAM WITH SCIENCE SUCCESS

A "burning" curiosity and the prompting of Assistant Professor of Physics **Richard Stevens** led students **Katelyn Allers** and **Matt Bates** to rebuild this carbon dioxide laser as part of their lab work in Stevens' optics course. The original laser tube was the only remaining functional component of a student project done in 1987, and the tube was successfully incorporated into a new laser when Allers and Bates applied their science savvy to the project. "The primary goal of this project was for the students to gain hands-on experience with lasers and optics, starting from the most basic components," Stevens says.

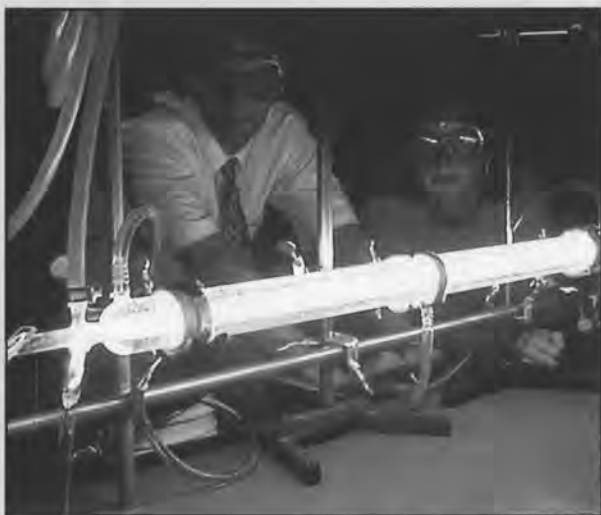


Photo by Richard Stevens



CAN YOU SIT ON AN ENDOWED CHAIR?

While gearing up for the Faith in the Future Campaign, Alumni Director **Tad Wisenor** asked a group of Whitworth art students to interpret the phrase "endowed chair." One student painted a picture of a chair, two students painted designs on chairs, another student created a sculpture of a man sitting on a chair, three students "endowed" their chairs with mixed media, and another student compiled a photographic essay of her chair enjoying a summer of fun in California. The chairs were a big hit with Whitworthians who attended the campaign kickoff celebration. The student artists are '99 graduates **Lance Sinnema**, **Monica Anderson**, **Marin Campbell** and **Heidi Forsell**, and current seniors **Rebecca Jordan** and **Amber Scott** and juniors **Robert Gerl** and **Jessica Filo**. (And no, you can't sit on an endowed chair.)



faculty notes

Theatre Department Chair **Rick Hornor's** manual, *Theatre Tools for Teaching Character Values in Education*, was published by the Kern County School District in Southern California. Della, a short story written by Instructor of English **Nadine Chapman**, was recently published in *Frontiers*, a women's studies journal. **Lyle Cochran**, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, has been writing supplements for David Lay's textbook, *Linear Algebra and its Applications*. *Caddo Gap Press* recently published *In the Shadow of Excellence*, a book by **Greg Fritzberg**, assistant professor of education. **Jim Edwards**, professor of religion and philosophy, published *Jesus Wasn't a Pluralist and What's in A Name? Why We Shouldn't Call the Old Testament the 'Hebrew Scriptures' in Christianity Today*. **Dennis Sterner**, professor and dean of the School of Education, was invited to participate in a national project, *Partnerships for Excellence in Teacher Education*, funded by the Ford Foundation. Neutron Activation Analysis of a Penny, by Assistant Professor of Physics **Richard Stevens**, was accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Physics*. **Ginny Whitehouse**, assistant professor of communication

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NEW TRUSTEES

Whitworth welcomed three new trustees to its board at the annual fall board meeting in October. They are **Jim Hershberger**, **Tom Delanty** and **Richard Melin**. "This is a superb class of trustees," says Whitworth President **Bill Robinson**.

Hershberger, a certified public accountant who serves as chief financial officer of Continental Mills, received his BS in business and chemistry from Goshen College and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Marie, live in Bellevue. They are supporters of Whitworth's Business Department, and their son, Michael, is a 1994 Whitworth graduate.

Delanty, who earned a bachelor's degree and an MBA from Dartmouth, is president of Financial Services Corporation of Washington. He chairs Whitworth's Master in International Management Advisory Board and serves on the Campaign Leadership Committee. Delanty and his wife, Vida, who attended Whitworth for two years, are residents of Everett. They established the Delanty Travel Scholarship at Whitworth, and contributed to the recent renovation of the Eric Johnston Science Center.

"Tom and Jim have been extraordinarily successful in their business careers while serving actively in their churches. Both have a strong love for Whitworth," Robinson says. "Tom is a model trustee and Jim is very knowledgeable, plus he brings me free pancake mix. I'm hoping Tom will follow Jim's example and bring us free samples from his business."

Melin is the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest. He holds a BA from California State University, Northridge, and an M.Div. and D.Min. from Dubuque Seminary. He has served as a Presbyterian pastor in Nebraska, Minnesota, South Dakota and Washington, and as an executive presbyter in South Dakota. He and his wife, Carol, live in Spokane and were presenters at last summer's Whitworth Institute of Ministry. "Rick has established himself very quickly in our Presbytery," Robinson says. "He strongly supports Presbyterian higher education and has been involved in campus ministries. We're very pleased that he and Carol are joining the Whitworth community."



Hershberger

Delanty

Melin



Photo by Ben Parker

FAMILY MATTERS

The humor, drama and peculiarities of a mid-thirties Brooklyn family took center stage when Whitworth Theatre presented Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* this fall. In this scene, Nora (sophomore **Barbara James**) receives advice from her Uncle Jack (junior **Damian Westfall**). "The nice thing about advice," Jack tells her, "is that it's free and if it doesn't fit you can always take it back."

faculty notes

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studies, was selected as one of 25 journalism educators from across the nation to participate in the Whalen Symposium in Media Ethics at the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul, Minn. **Conny Palacios**, assistant professor of modern languages, had two books of poetry, *Exorcism of the Absurd* and *Fractal Perception*, published in Nicaragua last August. Lindaman Chair **Susan Bratton** recently spoke at Westmont College on the roots of environmental racism. Bratton also gave a presentation on *Christianity and wilderness at the Society of American Foresters' national meeting in Portland*. Athletics Director **Scott McQuilkin** and Professor of History **Dale Soden** were technical consultants for the locally filmed basketball movie *The Basket*. McQuilkin also had a speaking role in the film. The well-received movie premiered in Spokane in August, and is now playing at selected theatres throughout the country. **Steve Meyer**, associate professor of religion and philosophy, recently spoke about his work on the theory of intelligent design on Fox-TV News and Fox Family Channel, as well as CBN News.

student notes

Patricia Bartell, a senior music education major, won first place in three accordion festivals held last summer, in Leavenworth, Seattle and Kimberly, B.C., Canada. Bartell was the youngest contestant in the open division and competed against professional accordianists from the western United States and Canada. Senior political science major **Tim Mitrovich** is Washington state's only Rhodes Scholarship finalist for 1999-2000. He and **Matt Lockard**, a math/philosophy major, were nominated for the prestigious award, which carries a two-year, full-ride scholarship to Oxford University. Mitrovich survived a grueling interview process and bested students from some of the most prestigious universities in the country to become one of 12 finalists from the seven-state western region. Four finalists were chosen as Rhodes Scholars. Senior **John Lack**, a music education major, spent the summer touring and competing with the Blue Devils Drum & Bugle Corps. He was one of two musicians from Washington state who were selected for the corps. This fall, junior **Heather Ross** sang three performances with the Spokane Symphony's "Symfunnies" production of Carmen San Diego.

NEW BOOK OFFERS GUIDANCE FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

An increasingly complex legal and political landscape is making it difficult for educators to reconcile their faith convictions and the law. In response to this dilemma, Associate Professor of Political Studies **Julia**



Stronks and her mother, Gloria Goris Stronks, professor of education at Michigan's Calvin College, have written *Christian Teachers in Public Schools*, a guide for teachers, administrators and parents.

The Stronkses say they wrote the book to help protect pluralism in the public arena.

"We're very protective of public schools as a free marketplace of ideas," says Julia Stronks, who practiced law for several years in Michigan before completing a doctorate in political studies and joining the Whitworth faculty in 1994. "We want to help parents, teachers and administrators recognize the role religion plays in their own lives, as well as in the life of the nation, while reducing the risk of litigation."

In the book the authors explain the rulings of the Supreme Court and the federal government, and demonstrate that people's faith commitments do not have to be left at the door when they work in public schools. The Stronkses also explain how to teach Christian values in a multicultural community, pinpoint which laws determine the religious rights of teachers in public schools and explain how to apply these laws to real situations in the classroom, and tell why schools cannot be neutral about religion.

"Christian teachers want to teach in ways that are authentic given their beliefs, but they also have to understand the very complex legal area in which they work," Stronks says. "This book explains how teachers can develop curriculum that reflects their faith commitments but also remain sensitive to the pluralistic world in which we live."

The book, released in July by Baker Book House Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich., is in its second printing and has put the mother-daughter team on the agendas of education workshops around the country.



WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT A DELIGHT TO THE EARS

The Whitworth Wind Ensemble played everything from Renaissance dance music to the conga at the group's fall concert in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. The ensemble, directed by Assistant Professor of Music **Richard Strauch**, played a variety of music ranging from William Byrd Suite, Gordon Jacob's classic work for concert band, to Desi, Michael Daugherty's tribute to Cuban bandleader Desi Arnaz. The Whitworth Wind Ensemble was recognized as one of the outstanding college wind ensembles in the region when the group was invited to perform at this year's Music Educators' Northwest Convention in Portland.

WHITWORTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Whitworth College is currently recruiting for the following full-time, tenure-track faculty positions. We welcome the interest and referrals of our alumni and friends. Visit our web site at www.whitworth.edu for the full text of the position announcements and application process or contact **Alice Kellar Mewbourn**, director of human resources, at 509-777-4320 or akellar@whitworth.edu. Application review begins Jan. 3, 2000, and positions remain open until filled. Interviews will be conducted on campus during late February and March. Academic year positions include Assistant/Associate Professor of Art; Assistant Professor of Biology; Rank Open - Business Management; Assistant Professor of Economics; Assistant Professor of Spanish. Open 11.5-month positions with administrative responsibilities include Assistant/Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Graduate Studies in Education; and Rank Open - Director of Graduate School of International Management.

WHITWORTH BIDS FAREWELL

Former chairman of the Whitworth board of trustees **Jack Hatch**, 73, died in May. Hatch, who served as board chair for 11 years, was a graduate of the University of Idaho and a civic leader in Spokane and Post Falls who was also active in helping others through such organizations as the Union Gospel Mission and Anna Ogden Hall. Hatch became a strong supporter of Whitworth when his oldest son, **Greg**, '74, joined the Pirate football squad in his freshman year. Greg led the way for three other Hatch children – **Rand**, '77, **Kim**, '82, and **Terri**, '89 – to attend Whitworth. Hatch once said, "The single most meaningful part of my life, outside of being with my family, has been my service to Whitworth College." He is survived by his wife, Lois, his five children and five grandchildren.

Linda Sharman, '60, who served as public relations director at Whitworth for 10 years, died at age 61, in July. While at the college she served as an officer with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and received numerous CASE awards during her tenure. After leaving Whitworth she established her own public relations firm, Sharman

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HUNTS LAUNCH KRISTA FOUNDATION

To honor their daughter Krista Hunt Ausland, who died in a 1998 bus accident in Bolivia, Whitworth professors **Jim** and **Linda Hunt** and their family have founded The Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship.



Ausland

At the time of her death, Krista Ausland and her husband, Aaron, were on a three-year mission with the Mennonite Central Committee. According to Jim Hunt, who has helped to lead a number of student trips to Central America, the foundation named for Krista will "encourage and support other young adults engaged in service – in developing nations, in America's inner cities, and in the area of environmental preservation. It was in these arenas that Krista hoped to show God's love in action."

One of the foundation's goals is to build a mentoring community of Krista Colleagues (similar to Fulbright Scholars or Wilson Fellows) that recognizes young adults engaged in sustaining service. The board presented the first class of seven 1999 Krista Colleagues with \$1,000 grants for their upcoming work in Kenya, Newfoundland, Bolivia and Tacoma's inner-city Hilltop District.

Future plans for The Krista Foundation include a website for global service opportunities, as well as yearly conferences and career fairs for non-profit professions. For further information, please contact the Hunts at 509-467-0478 or at lhunt@whitworth.edu.

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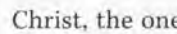
Whitworth lost two of its favorite former professors this fall with the deaths of **Edwin (Ed) Olson** and **Garland (Gus) Haas**.



Olson

Olson, who died at age 74 on Oct. 12, just three weeks after a diagnosis of liver cancer, was a professor of earth sciences at Whitworth from 1960 until his retirement with professor emeritus status in 1991. He earned his Ph.D. in geochemistry from Columbia University. After retirement, he continued to teach as both an Elderhostel instructor and an adjunct professor at the college. At his memorial service, Olson's former student **Steve Meyer**, '80, now a professor of philosophy at Whitworth, said that Olson had taught him not only how to live, but how to die. "God's spirit was as real in Ed's experience as the rocks he studied," said Meyer. "He died as he had lived, as confident in the Gospel on his deathbed as he had been in his classroom." Olson leaves his wife of 45 years, Marlene; his sons, Evan and David; his daughter, Helen True; a brother; and 13 grandchildren.

Haas, who suffered a stroke earlier this year, died on Nov. 3 at age 80. He received his doctorate in philosophy in 1958 from the University of Washington and served as a missionary teacher in Pakistan before coming to Whitworth in 1961. After his retirement in 1982, the professor emeritus of political science published three books, served on the Whitworth Foundation board, and continued to travel and study. Speaking at his memorial service, **Gordon Jackson**, associate dean of academic affairs, said of Haas, whose travels were as much a part of his life as his teaching, "...Gus has arrived at what he knew for a long while would be his final destination: to be with



Haas

Christ, the one who was alongside him every step of his earthly journey." Haas' survivors include his wife of 55 years, Pauline, associate professor emeritus of art at Whitworth; a son, Joseph; a daughter, Judith McKeehan; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

FAREWELL

— continued from left
Communications, in 1990, and was deeply involved in community service. Sharman leaves her husband, Ed, her four children (two of them Whitworth graduates), and three brothers.

Former financial aid director **Willard "Bill" Rusk**, '55, who served Whitworth for 20 years, died in August at age 67. After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, Rusk went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from Whitworth. He was a secretary at the YMCA for 11 years before joining the Whitworth staff, where he was known as a tireless advocate and friend to students. After leaving Whitworth, Rusk moved to Longview, Texas, and became the financial aid director for LeTourneau University. He is survived by his wife, Carol, a brother and a sister.

Billie Gardner, a popular member of Whitworth's Physical Plant staff for 12 years, died in November. Gardner, who opened Spokane's first Radio Shack store after retiring from the Air Force in 1968, worked in carpentry and general maintenance at Whitworth from 1980 to 1992. Survivors include his wife, Betty, his three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WOMEN'S SOCCER COMES BACK STRONG

*Fighting their way back into conference contention after a 6-12-1 '98 season, the women's soccer team turned things around with fine individual performances and strong team play against NWC leaders, including an impressive season-ending victory against second-place UPS. The Pirates, whose final record stood at 7-6-1 in conference and 9-8-2 overall, were led by seniors **Jen Dunford**, **Heidi Bohnett**, **Lehua Kay** and **Suzanne Boyce** (who together accounted for 84 percent of the team's total scoring), as well as junior goalie **Stacey Roberts**. Dunford led the team in goals with eight, Johnson recorded nine shutouts, and Bohnett ended her stellar career at Whitworth with the game-winning goal over UPS, a 40-yard missile in the 24th minute of the first half. The women finished third, behind Willamette and UPS, in the Northwest Conference. "This year's team was better than last year's, from player number one to number 21," said Head Coach **Sean Bushey**. "It was a good team effort; we accomplished the things we wanted to do."*

FOOTBALL FINISHES AT .500 PUTNEY BREAKS RUSHING RECORD

The football Bucs were hoping for another step up the won-lost ladder, but had to settle for their second 5-5 season in a row. After a three-game Pirate win streak early in the season, offensive lineman **Harry Suzuki**'s serious leg injury during a 45-12 Homecoming victory over UPS ended his Whitworth football career and proved a harbinger of things to come for the Bucs, who struggled with injuries and formidable opponents through the heart of their season.

The Pirates came home after an opening 24-21 overtime loss at Menlo College and won three straight, including the Homecoming blowout. But then the big dogs came to town in Linfield uniforms and kicked off a four-game slide that included road losses to powerhouses PLU (NCAA Div. III champs for 1999) and California's Azusa Pacific (defending NAIA champs). After a welcome 31-28 road victory over Eastern Oregon, the Pirates came home to end the season with a 52-0 drubbing of Lewis and Clark. That game produced a season highlight when senior **Damian Putney** ran for 126 yards to bring his season total to 1,293, breaking Charley Reed's all-time Whitworth record of 1,217 yards, set in 1963.



Damian Putney racks up a few more yards on his way to the record.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FIVE

Five outstanding athletes were recently inducted into the Whitworth Athletics Hall of Fame at a luncheon hosted by the Crimson Club. They are, above from left, **Kari Johnson**, **Tom Beall**, **Jim Doherty**, **Tom Black** and **Dave Pomante**.

Johnson still holds many Pirate records in track and field. She finished eighth in the nation in the heptathlon as a junior and third as a senior. She was named an NAIA All-American for 1987-88 in her event.

Beall was named First Team All-District baseball player three years in a row and Second Team NAIA All-American after his junior and senior seasons in 1970 and '71.

Doherty still holds men's basketball records for career scoring average and most points in a three-year career. He was named a Third Team NAIA All-American after his senior season in 1953, when he averaged 24.1 points per game. The Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association drafted Doherty, but he chose to pursue teaching and coaching instead of a career in professional sports.

In 1959 Black, who played on the Pirate football team, was named First Team NAIA All-American as an offensive tackle. The next year he earned Honorable Mention NAIA All-American after the Bucs suffered a narrow loss to Humboldt State in the NAIA semi-finals.

Pomante, also a football standout, set a record in the 1980 season with 20 sacks. He was named First Team NAIA All-American. His career total of 39 sacks still stands as a Northwest Conference record.

MEN'S SOCCER THIRD IN NWC

*Though the men's goal for '99 was the conference championship, Head Coach **Sean Bushey** and his team had to weather a tough stretch in October to pull out a third-place finish in the NWC. The men got off to a fast 7-2 start, but hit a dry spell in October that included two overtime losses to nationally ranked UPS. In the second game, the Bucs held the Loggers scoreless in regulation, then lost 1-0 on a UPS breakaway with just under three minutes left in sudden-death OT. Senior **Jace Jones** led the men with six goals. He and strong contributors **Lenny Peterson**, **Ben Wickert**, **Sean Haley**, **Mark Lupton** and **Nathan Mullen** will graduate in May. But the Bucs have a great core of returning players, said Bushey, and their team strength will help to overcome the loss of the seniors in the 2000 season.*

VOLLEYBALL TURNS IT AROUND

If Stuart Scott, ESPN's *Sportscenter* anchor, were reporting on Whitworth's volleyball team, he'd likely say that the women really got their schverve on this season. After their breakthrough effort, the volleyball Bucs can't wait for next year.

The Pirates turned things around in a big way in 1999 to finish up with an 8-8 record in conference and an 11-14 mark overall. After some very lean years, the Bucs – with new coach **Steve Rupe**, '89, at the helm – are definitely ready to make their move in the Northwest Conference.

“With everyone on our young team returning,” says Rupe, “the future looks very promising for us.” Mentioning that the team's goal this season was to get to .500 in the Northwest Conference, Rupe says, “We did that. We moved from ninth to fifth place. Now our goal is to finish in one of the top three places in the NWC. Our second goal for 2000 will be to fight for one of the west regional berths in the national championship.”

These are lofty aspirations indeed for a team that has struggled mightily in recent seasons. Seemingly endless coaching changes (six in eight years) made recruiting difficult and team-building nearly impossible, and team morale had reached its nadir in the waning weeks of the 1998 season. But then Associate Director of Athletics (and head women's tennis coach) **Jo Wagstaff** stepped in as interim coach to finish out the season, and good things began to happen. Morale improved, team spirit was renewed, and the women won their last match of the season, a thriller over Lewis & Clark, in front of an ecstatic crowd in the Fieldhouse.

The team hit the ground running in '99, starting four freshmen, a sophomore and a junior. And they had yet another new coach at the helm in Rupe, a Spokane teacher who cut his coaching teeth in the successful Mead High School volleyball program. They also had returning sophomore **Abby Jo Hornstein**, a prodigious hitter, and freshman **Lindsey Wagstaff**, who proved to be a sparkling addition to the young squad.

Hornstein earned All-NWC Honorable Mention and was the only volleyball Buc to be named Player of the Week during the 1999 season. She earned the award in the final week of September, when she hit .541 with 21 kills, one error, in 37 attempts in two matches.

Wagstaff garnered her share of the honors, as well. “Lindsey was our most solid performer this year,” says Rupe. “She was named to the All-NWC Second Team, she led us in kills, kills per game and attacking percentage, and she really stepped up in our last four matches, hitting over .400.”

Whitworth Sports Information Director Steve Flegel contributed to this story.



Photo by Mike Cherry

Abby Jo Hornstein climbs the ladder to return a volley, while **Erica Moen** (left) and **Lindsey Wagstaff** (right) get set to assist.

FAST, SMART BUCS COME THROUGH AT CONFERENCE MEET

Whitworth's cross-country team made a fine showing at the NWC championships in October. The women came in second, while the men finished sixth in the meet, held at McIver Park in Estacada, Ore. Junior **Annie Scott** led the women. The All-NWC runner finished fifth in the meet, followed by juniors **Holly Weiler** and **Julia Lucas**, who brought home eighth- and 12th-place finishes, respectively. The women moved up four places from their 1998 performance and earned their highest conference finish since 1992. Freshman **Ben Robinson** carried the banner for the men with a 35th-place finish. Sophomore **Adam Thornton** and juniors **Justin Davis** and **Eric Brucker** came in less than one minute behind Robinson to help their team move up one slot after a seventh-place finish in 1998. The Whitworth team also took academic honors in the NWC. With 11 runners holding GPAs of 3.25 or higher, the Bucs own the highest team grade point average in the conference.



'A very worthy and unusual place'

My assignment for this issue of *Whitworth Today* is to give a president's perspective on our Faith in the Future Campaign, which you'll read about on Page 3. I'll try, but frankly I'm not too fond of any of the standard ways in which colleges talk about their fund-raising extravaganzas. I almost always curl my upper lip when reading campaign appeals. They seem to take one of the following forms:

We're so great. This approach brags about how the school is on the right "Top 10" lists. It has new buildings everywhere. Enrollment is burgeoning while somehow class sizes remain small. Students are smarter than ever. The faculty is more published than ever. And the only time the students aren't in the library is when they're tutoring disadvantaged children or pummeling lesser schools in athletics. So these schools exhort, "Make your pledge now because - can you believe it? - with your money, we could be even better."

We're so desperate. This type of appeal is a little out of favor right now, but it still shows up in some campaigns. The form it takes goes along the lines of, "If we don't get this money, we'll just have to...." You see

this strategy most often in requests for help in balancing the budget.

I had a vision. This approach generally comes in the form of "The Lord's leading us to build...." I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of these claims, and I agree wholeheartedly with Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, we labor in vain." But to some folks they feel a bit manipulative, such as 15 years ago when Oral Roberts announced that he'd seen a 900-foot Jesus, who told him that if a certain amount of money didn't come in for his hospital (Oral's, that is) in a certain amount of time, Oral would be "comin' on home."

I don't have any real basis to criticize these methods. I just don't find their emphases particularly comfortable for me or consistent with the Whitworth that I know. I do, however, want you to know that if I were to use these approaches, my message would be simple:

- Whitworth is doing extremely well by almost every measure.
- We aren't desperate, but we do have several significant needs that this campaign is designed to address.
- Evidence of God's leading and blessings abound as we take this rather bold step.

The dominant perspective I hold for this campaign is that it is important. I am amazed by the ways that Whitworth's values are rippling through our graduates and penetrating the lives that our students and alumni touch. I won't regale you with examples, but I've seen countless Whitworthians out there making this a better world. And if this campaign

is successful, we're going to be even better at equipping our graduates to serve God through serving others. So this is a very important effort.

I refuse to say that other schools are less worthy of support than we are. I don't know if that's true, and that's not the point. I do know that Whitworth matters in very important ways. I know that folks receive amazing moral, intellectual, physical and spiritual support from our graduates. These graduates claim that something happened at Whitworth that changed the way they see the world. And I can see it happening while they're here. I see it in our own two children who are students at Whitworth.

My perspective is that Whitworth is a very worthy and unusual place. Our mission of honoring God, following Christ, and serving others within the context of cultural relevance and engagement is important and rare. It will be a privilege to lift up these virtues in this campaign. Thank you for your interest in Whitworth. If you participate in our campaign, we will be very grateful. If you don't, I hope you will invest in another enterprise in which your investment gives you great faith in the future.

And I hope as you read this issue of *Whitworth Today* you will encounter and understand even better our faith in the future of Whitworth College. Great days lie ahead.

Bill Robinson

MANY STORIES COULD BE WRITTEN about Whitworth senior Chris Wilson. There's the sports story of the four-year starting Pirate defensive tackle who dominated opponents and energized his team. There's the romance story about the freshman who met his future wife, Michelle Condon, '99, at Whitworth, married her four years later, and is now eagerly anticipating the birth of their first child. And there's the inspirational story of the outgoing student-athlete whose character, goals and drive to succeed were shaped by Whitworth faculty and administrators who taught, coached and befriended him.

But the big story, the one in which Wilson finds a clear vision of his future, the one that bodes well for the growing relationship between higher education and economic development in Spokane that is being nurtured by Whitworth and its president, Bill Robinson, is the story of how Wilson made the leap from college to a career, and how he didn't have to leave town to do it.

This story begins two years ago, when Wilson earned the first of two scholarships from Avista Corp. (formerly known as Washington Water Power), the largest utility company in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. In 1996 the company set up scholarship programs at nine colleges and universities in the two states it serves.

In addition to helping students pay for their education, Avista's scholarship program gives the company an opportunity to strengthen its ties with regional colleges and universities, and to recruit qualified and diverse undergraduates as potential employees.

"The primary reason that our scholarships support education is because of economic development issues," says Debbie Simock, community relations strategist for Avista Corp. "In order for a business to grow, it has to be able to hire talented employees. Through

our scholarship program, we can get to know the students and they can get to know us as a potential employer."

Avista builds relationships with scholarship recipients by encouraging them to apply for internships and summer jobs with the company. Avista employees also work to establish mentoring relationships with the students.

For the past three years Avista has awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to six Whitworth students. When Wilson, a business management major, received his second scholarship this year, he met Edward Turner, vice president of Avista Corp. and general manager of Avista Utilities, at a scholarship luncheon held at Whitworth.

"When I first met Chris, he came across as a very energetic, very bright and very articulate young man," Turner says. "You could tell he had a vision of what he wanted to do. That aligns with who I am and what I am. I saw myself as a much younger man in Chris."

Turner and Wilson hit it off and before long, the seasoned executive offered the ambitious college student a marketing internship at Avista.

Wilson began his internship last June, two weeks after walking through Whitworth's commencement ceremony (he will complete his degree this month). He was recently hired as an account executive at Avista and is working his way through a two-year training program.

This semester Wilson has had a difficult task balancing class, football and family obligations with his job selling electricity and natural gas to commercial and industrial companies. He credits Avista with being flexible and supportive.

"They're really working with me and my schedule right now," Wilson says. "I have so much respect for Avista, and I'm just so happy to be where I am. I still am



Getting down to business

Chris Wilson scores, thanks to Spokane's growing business-education partnership.

by Julie Riddle, '92

in awe when I go to work every day."

The feeling is mutual.

"Everything I saw in Chris has rung true. He's a magnet for people, he's a can-do guy, and he thinks about not what was, but what is," Turner says. "He brings a very different perspective to Avista and we need that here. He brings different life experiences to the table, which every organization needs to have."

The can-do attitude Wilson brings to Avista was developed on the football field at Whitworth.

"In football you have a team and you've got to make it through rough times, and what helps you make it is your attitude," Wilson says. "Chris Casey, one of my coaches, always talks about attitude and how people pick up on a person's attitude. I believe that's what may have drawn Avista to me. I'm always willing to learn when I'm at work."

Along with a winning attitude, Whitworth has taught Wilson that communication is a key component to success.

"I've learned in my classes that good communication skills are important—you've got to be attentive. If there is poor communication, then problems arise," he says. "My job at Avista is relationship-based. My favorite thing to do is communicate with people and provide services to people—that's what I do best."

Just as Wilson works to communicate effectively and build relationships with Avista clients, Whitworth President Bill Robinson works toward strengthening the vital connection between strong educational resources and economic growth in Spokane.

Robinson, who was recently named chair-elect of the Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce, is co-chair of the chamber's Higher Education Leadership Group. The group includes the chief executive officers of 15 local companies as well as representatives from five area colleges and universities who are working together to promote regional economic development.

"The quality of education in our region exercises enormous influence on our economic future," Robinson says. "In turn, the condition of our economy directly affects the support and strength of our educational programs."

For the Spokane region to build a robust economy, area businesses must have the labor pool and training resources to grow, Robinson says.

"Colleges are very valuable sources for new workers and

for training current employees," he says. "In Spokane's efforts to attract the types of new businesses that pump dollars into the economy, a strong and responsive higher education sector is very important."

The benefits of a thriving local economy to area colleges and universities include job placement for college graduates; internship opportunities for students; direct financial support of students and the college; the availability of learning laboratories and resources to faculty and students; and a greater ability for families to afford the cost of tuition.

It is equally important for businesses to establish and maintain relationships with Spokane's higher education institutions, Avista's Turner says.

"Building strong ties with local higher education is the best connection back to the community. We can't have all the intellectual talent leave. How else do we find the Chris Wilsons of the world unless we stay connected to the schools? Without the higher education institutions in the area, Spokane wouldn't have any chance of growing."

The economic benefits of a strong link between education and business have been well established in California's Silicon Valley, North Carolina's research triangle, and Seattle's Silicon Forest. Spokane is one of many cities trying to replicate that success.

In order to achieve it, innovation, commitment

and teamwork are required, Robinson says.

"We must build a culture of cooperation among those who have not partnered well historically. This can be accomplished by bringing together local leaders that have often opposed each other on issues, discovering where we agree, and building a strategy for moving forward on common goals."

Also important, Robinson says, is establishing a successful kindergarten-through-Ph.D. educational system that benefits everyone, not just those who have access to wealth, and making Spokane a place that encourages and supports ethnic diversity.

One sign that the partnership is paying off for Spokane will be if other promising students like Wilson find rewarding career opportunities with growing local businesses.

"Everyone wins when college graduates find fulfilling jobs in the places where they went to school," Wilson says. "Being able to pursue a career and raise a family in Spokane is a blessing for Michelle and me; we're in the best situation we can be in. This is the chance of a lifetime and we don't want to pass it up."

"The quality of education in our region exercises enormous influence on our economic future."

— Bill Robinson

IN HIS 34TH YEAR OF TEACHING at Whitworth, senior faculty member Leonard Oakland was asked recently to prepare a short presentation on what Whitworth might look like as the college celebrates its 125th anniversary in the year 2015. Oakland's intriguing comments led many Whitworthians to ask, What will this institution look like in another 15 years? Most are interested not only in what facilities will be added (or removed), but also in how we might go about the process of educating minds and hearts differently than we do today.

With the successful completion of a five-year strategic plan for the years 1994-1999 and a new plan nearly completed for 2000-2005, Whitworth has a healthier foundation from which to look forward than at any other time in recent memory. Because of this, it is clear that the internal changes that occur in the next 15 years will be deliberate ones, guided by the college's intensive strategic planning process.

So, with a college culture for planning firmly in place, five staff members from all corners of campus gathered recently to forecast changes to Whitworth in 2015.

Campus

While the successful completion of the Faith in the Future Campaign will include a new academic classroom building on the site of the old Leavitt Dining Hall, there were several other physical plant needs (and wants) that came up in the group.

Athletics Director Scott McQuilkin hopes there will be at least five major new facilities on campus in the next 15 years.

"In addition to the new classroom building, I think we'll have a new residence hall, and the fine arts building will be completed. It would be nice if there is a theater that looks like a theater, not like our current auditorium, and a place for an art gallery. I also think that we will have a good-sized legitimate recreation center which will include not just a regular gymnasium but an auxiliary gym where you can have multiple intramural games and team practices going on at one time, as well as racquetball courts and a fitness center overlooking the fields on the west end of campus," McQuilkin said. He said that students currently looking for a holistic educational experience that includes physical activity are forced to pay for memberships at off-campus athletics clubs. And intramural programs are regularly using the gyms after the varsity teams practice, with games going from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Communication Studies Professor Ginny Whitehouse envisions a campus enhanced with a series of 10-20 student-friendly small parks – areas where students can feel comfortable and encouraged to sit and talk. "We have added benches, but they alone don't always lend themselves to conversation. These park areas could serve as community gathering spots," said Whitehouse.

In the same vein, Assistant Dean of Students for Programming and Diversity Esther Louie wishes for gathering spaces inside the buildings. "We need a place for off-campus students to collect," she said. "There is no place for students taking night classes to go." To that end, Oakland suggested that all new buildings include a lounge with a fireplace. A space de-

The more things change... VISIONS OF WHITWORTH IN 2015

by Tad Wisenor, '89

Friday, Feb. 20, 2015
A Student's Planner

8 a.m. Woke up, checked electronic messages (one voice message from Mom, four text responses from international library databases regarding my research project, three text messages from friends).

9 a.m. Core 450 in the New Classroom Building (don't know why we still call it this, since it was completed in 2002). While the rest of the original wing of the building is closed for renovation and the addition of video walls and wireless transmitters, the Core auditorium is the only section open. Today's guest lecture was by a retired professor named Leonard Oakland – pretty good speaker. Stopped by library after class to pick up three books I ordered that weren't available electronically.

10:30 a.m. Met students at Robinson Hall lounge for lattes and international marketing class study session. Joined by project partners in Thailand via real-time audio link on portable computers. Afterward, walked to the auditorium along the Loop's heated sidewalks to see the fresh snow on the sculpture garden.



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— Scott McQuilkin

signed with warmth and a sense of place would invite longer conversations and gatherings outside the residence hall or the HUB.

With the recent demolition of both the Nutrition House and Calvin Hall, there has been a move toward updating the look of the campus, especially on the Loop road. Director of Instructional Resources Ken Pecka expects to see more of the same. "I hope that Grieve and Beyond will be gone, and Lincoln, too, if that's possible," he said. "I hope we take advantage of the view back there and look at that back slope as a place for new facilities. I also think the Loop will be dressed up. We will get rid of the asphalt sidewalks (replacing them with concrete and brick pavers) and add public sculpture."

Learning Environment

While 15 years is just a fraction of the life of most facilities, it can be several lifetimes in terms of technology and its impact in the classroom.

McQuilkin said, "I suspect that how professors perform their job responsibilities will remain largely unchanged. We'll be lecturing. I've heard it said that you could transplant a professor from the year 1918 into today's classroom and the only thing that would really be different is the way he or she was dressed—except, of course, in my case."

Pecka responded, "I wonder if students will still go to class in the same way they do today. I think we will still meet face-to-face, but I'm not sure classes will gather for every meeting. That might change the complexion of what we define as the class. Fifteen years represents numerous generations of technology and so, yes, it will be different. I think we'll see every student carrying some kind of wireless, personal digital system that will give them access to e-mail, voicemail, the Internet and whatever's available at that point."

"My thinking," said Louie, "is that when you have a lot of technology and learning, you will have a lot of people who need

personal contact and touching. What are we going to do to balance that? There are some of us who want to go electronic/technological and then there is the interpersonal side. With all the e-mails and everything else, we still gather around the coffee pot and the watering hole."

Psychology Professor Noel Wescombe has been dealing with some of these very questions as he plans how to teach his students in the next millennium. "In the future it seems like I'll spend more time with students in a small setting than up in front of the classroom," he says. "If I'm trying to build a shared knowledge base, I can probably do it with on-demand video or multimedia information just as well." He added, "I'm envisioning that when I come together with my students, maybe I come into a small room where three of the four walls are 'video-able.' So, when I walk in, the room becomes my room and the video walls take on the flavor of my class. When I'm sitting in the middle of this room, there will be some people from France on one wall and some children at an elementary school on another and something else going on over here, and the students will be really focused on a problem or an issue while interacting with these people. Those walls are in 'reality centers' right now produced by Silicon Graphics, but they're very expensive. In 15 years we might be able to afford them."

Wescombe sees the learning community as problem-centered, cross-disciplinary and global, composed of professors, students and policymakers. "If we are focusing on Alzheimer's disease, there will be a neuro-scientist helping us understand it from the neuro-biological point of view, but there will also be people trying to come up with policy and students trying to get involved in service and working to understand the concepts involved," he said.

Pecka added, "What do our classrooms look like today? We come in and rely on one person to become the entire learning environment. I think that's going to change. If you put students in an empty room, they'll still learn. But if you put them in a

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— Noel Wescombe

11:15 a.m. Forum. As part of the college's 125th Founder's Day Celebration, a singing group from Kenya joined the Whitworth Choir via satellite. Their director is a visiting professor at Whitworth this semester and the joint concert was digitally recorded for rebroadcast on Media ASWC. (MASWC, besides hosting the student news, sports and club channels, also has the only channel on the Spokane Teknet that hosts music shows in 34 languages other than English...the last frontier of alternative music.)

Noon. Lunch at the HUB. 312 recipes to choose from, each prepared fresh by expert chefs while I watch, and still nothing to eat. Had a sandwich.

3 p.m. Ceramics class in the Arts Complex studio.

1 p.m. Work-study job in Admissions Office. Used one of the heated electric carts for a campus tour, then returned to the office and downloaded information to create personalized multimedia packets for 50 high schoolers.

4:30 p.m. Workout at Recreation Center. Met Tyler McQuilkin for tennis, and had to wait a few minutes for an indoor court.



room that has a lot of stimulus, the environment enhances their learning experience."

Whitehouse is already using current technology in many of her classes, as most of her journalism courses are taught in the library's computer labs. "Today in class, we talked about broadcast reporting," she said. "So I called up the National Public Radio web page. Students had listened to NPR during the week and I called up the story of their choice to explain the point I was making in class. My lesson was enhanced because the students and I had access to the same technology. And the increased technology gives me more tools to work with. It gives me a greater chance to figure out what really engages the students. I never would have picked the stories they picked. Because our student populations and their interests are constantly changing, we're going to have to rely on them to help us apply the fundamental principles that we are teaching about."

"I think we'll continue to see changes in the classrooms on campus," said Pecka. "But maybe the better question is, What will make up a classroom? It might be a group that sits in a room here on campus, a group that sits down the street at Mead High School and a group that sits someplace else. So the complexion of that class may actually include a lot larger range ethnically, culturally and even economically. But they may not physically be here."

Louie added, "I'm thinking about the student profile. I think the ethnicity of our student profile won't be a whole lot different. We will probably still be predominantly Euro-American, but we will see many more individuals who have a blended background. So we will have people with mixed backgrounds coming in and we won't be able to tell what their backgrounds are. That may raise social and cultural issues."

Pecka said, "There is some talk that by 2010, 92 percent of the market for higher education will be non-residential. Now, statisticians can make the most of any statistic. But if that

number is even 70 percent, then schools like Whitworth had better look at how, or if, we are going to compete for that 70 percent or 92 percent or if we are going to compete more heavily for the other 8 percent. I don't think you have to be mutually exclusive. We can continue to strengthen our residential component as we implement strategies for non-residential students."

He continued, "I hope that we can influence the kinds of teaching that will take place. I think that over the next 15 years the shift will be toward shaping the entire campus to be a learning environment. It's a more holistic learning experience (including spiritual programs and physical activity), and we have a very teaching-centered (rather than learning-centered) mindset. I think that will change," Pecka said.

Extracurricular life

Focusing more on that holistic approach to education, the group discussed the role of extracurricular activities in the 2015 educational mix. "Varsity sports will look the same," said McQuilkin. "I suspect there will be more contests for female athletes. There will be more teams – lacrosse probably, potentially crew, maybe golf. We'll just see these as a natural expansion of what has been occurring over the last couple decades in providing more opportunities for women."

Louie said, "I'm thinking of Maslow's hierarchy of need – of the sense of belonging. Where do people go to connect?" She continued, "My sense is that we will still need clustering for some people in terms of relaxation and socialization and ways to communicate. Some of the areas of learning and performing may actually increase where there is opportunity to do something hands-on."

Regarding changes in the media, Whitehouse said, "Campus news will be influenced by whatever the medium is in 2015 – I think some combination of what we already have with a

"When you have a lot of technology... you will have a lot of people who need personal contact and touching. What are we going to do to balance that? With all the e-mails and everything else, we still gather around the coffee-pot and the watering hole."

— Esther Louie

7 p.m. Campuswide celebration of Whitworth's 125th anniversary. Program featured nationally-known jazz performers, opera singers, actors and other speakers, all Whitworth alumni. Impressive group.

"What will make up a classroom? It might be a group that sits in a room here on campus, a group that sits down the street at Mead High School and a group that sits someplace else."

— Ken Pecka



new entity. Will it be some variation of an online product? Will it be a combination with what we now call broadcasting? Obviously it will be multimedia. And with the proliferation of technology, you've got nine million journalists out there. Everyone has access now to publishing. The introduction of Xerox was a big deal, but now we have even easier, cheaper, better means of dissemination. So the way we teach people to communicate is going to be incredibly important. We are not just going to be teaching professional communicators, because everyone will be a professional communicator."

Personal dreams

After the prognostications, the group ended with everyone at the table sharing one dream they would like to see in place at Whitworth by 2015.

Wescombe began. "I'd like to see us teach children a second language, because there is very good evidence that when children learn a second language early in life their brain patterns are similar to first-language speakers. I think we would have the ability to enlist the help of our students who are proficient in these languages and we could actually have some conference calls in which they could interact with children repeatedly and allow them to learn another language."

Louie added, "I hope that there would be not only language acquisition but also an acquisition of cultural understanding. We would have thinkers and dreamers who would not be bound by where they've come from, so there would be a sense of open-minded exploration and lifelong learning. This is a place in which one begins – not a place in which one finishes. We have great differences, and students should be able to say they'll try and understand. Openness and curiosity are part of what we are. I hope we will continue to have that experience here at Whitworth."

Whitehouse took that line of thinking a step further. "It would be wonderful if we had a strong enough endowment so that all

of our students could have some type of cross-cultural experience during the years at Whitworth, preferably outside their own geographic boundaries. All of them would have the opportunity and it would not be financially restrictive," she said.

McQuilkin went next, building on the topic of finances. "I heard Bill Robinson say that the price of a year's tuition in 1950 and 1990 was near the equivalent of a new Chevy," he said. "I would hope that a year at Whitworth in 2015 would remain at least no more than a Chevy and that we'd continue to give much more than a Chevy education. I hope that students will continue to have access to this great place. I hope we will continue to do what we've done in the past so that people will look at us and say, 'There's an education that is both intellectually challenging and grounded in the Reformed Tradition.'"

Pecka closed. "I think the Whitworth College mission comes alongside all of these things that have been mentioned and that we do this in a manner that honors Christ," he said. "We can take a lot of these things and leave Christ out, or we can take Christ and falsely lay him over the top of all these things. But I would love to see Whitworth still be a Christ-centered light out there that is encompassing all these things and doing it in a way that is glorifying to the mission that we've held for so many years."

Tad Wisenor is Whitworth's director of alumni relations.

If you would like to respond to this feature or share your own vision of Whitworth's future, please go to the alumni website (www.whitworth.edu/alumni.htm) and click on the "Whitworth in 2015" online discussion button.

9:30 p.m. Skipped dinner, so I ordered a pizza. Took eight minutes to get here. I don't know what the holdup was.

11 p.m. Met friends returning from the Riverfront Park Funplex at lightrail stop in front of campus and went to late-night prayer meeting in the old chapel. It's too small for most college services nowadays, so most of our programs are in the Whitworth Pres sanctuary.

10:30 p.m. Returned personal messages. Left message with Whitworth friends on France Study Tour telling them that I need help on my French assignment.

Midnight: Bedtime. Early for a Friday night, but it's been a long day. Mac is pretty quiet since it went co-ed last year.



"The way we teach people to communicate is going to be incredibly important everyone will be a professional communicator."

— Ginny Whitehouse

WHITWORTH COLLEGE *Reunion Weekend*

WIND AND JAZZ TOUR IN MARCH

The award-winning Whitworth College Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble will be on tour throughout western Washington March 18-25, 2000. Both groups will celebrate their successful tour with a home concert on March 27 on campus in Spokane.



BASKETBALL EVENTS — AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD

Look for the third-annual alumni ice cream social after the Jan. 29 basketball games against Northwest Conference rival Willamette University. Bring your postcard invitation for free family admission, and come cheer on the Pirates as they take on the Bearcats. Women tip off at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m. On Jan. 8 we will host an alumni gathering in conjunction with the Pacific Lutheran University basketball game in Tacoma, and on Jan. 21 we will have a reception between games at Lewis and Clark in Portland. Look for more information on these events in the mail.

THE FIRST REUNION OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Be sure to check out the inside back cover of this issue for information about the annual all-inclusive Reunion Weekend for the 20-, 30-, 40- and 50-year class clusters, to be held June 23-25, 2000.

ELDERHOSTEL

The Millennium Elderhostel has been scheduled for June 25-July 1 (immediately after Reunion Weekend), making it easy to enjoy two great events on campus during one trip. For alums over 55, this summer's classes feature the music of Duke Ellington, the history of the Roaring '20s and the Great Depression, and the potential effects of global warming on the future of the Earth. For registration information call Elderhostel at 877-426-2166. For other questions, call Whitworth Elderhostel Coordinator **Ross Cutter** at 509-467-0244.

MARVIN SATHER, '67, PRAISED AS BEST TEACHER IN THE STATE

Though he's honored to be the recipient of Washington state's Teacher of the Year Award, Riverside High School English teacher **Marvin Sather** wants to share his trophy with the other teachers who are making a difference in the lives of Washington's students. "Our business is a little different," he says. "You don't feel like you deserve to be singled out. It's not about winning prizes in education."



Sather

But Sather *was* singled out, by the Riverside students, teachers and administrators who nominated him, by the state selection committee that chose him, and by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson, who says of him, "For more than 31 years, Marv Sather

has guided, molded and prepared young minds with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. His single purpose is to do everything within his power to help students learn and succeed."

As the state's Teacher of the Year, Sather will receive a check for \$1,000 and will be honored next spring by Gov. Gary Locke in a ceremony at the governor's mansion. For the next year Sather will represent Washington at national conferences and speak on behalf of the state's 65,000 teachers at public events, and he is also a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced in January.

NEW DIRECTORY UPDATE

The influx of completed surveys has slowed to a trickle, and our data-entry folks are combing through thousands of responses for new and updated information. For those of you alumni who returned a survey, the new 2000 Whitworth College Alumni Directory should hit mailboxes in summer. If you would still like to have your updated information included in the directory, please call the Alumni Office immediately; we may be able to squeeze you in.

For information about alumni activities, contact Alumni Director Tad Wisenor at (509) 777-3799 or 1-800-532-4668. You can also e-mail Tad at twisenor@whitworth.edu.

THE CLASS OF 2003 ARRIVES

New Whitworth students are joined by their alumni parents on the Auld Alumni House front steps for a "family" portrait. The annual Alumni Legacy Luncheon was held on the Auld House lawn during Orientation Weekend, on Sept. 4. More than 30 new students have at least one Whitworth alumni parent.



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Rev. **William David Glenn**, '34, died March 10, 1998, of a heart attack, in North Olmstead, Ohio. His wife, Mildred E. Glenn, followed him in death on April 25, 1998. Survivors include a daughter, Elisa Glenn Fleming.

Paul W. Koper died in October in Cornwall, Pa. A Presbyterian pastor, he served several congregations as well as the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia. Survivors include his wife, **Mildred (Egbers)**, four children, and his sister, **Mary (Koper) Chaffee**, '40.

John F. Hook died Oct. 1, at Sequim, Wash. After studying at Whitworth, he received a bachelor's degree from the Univ. of Wash., and a master's from the Univ. of Iowa. He served with the Army in World War II. After working 38 years as an actuary at Standard Insurance Co. in Portland, he retired in 1982 as senior vice president and moved to Sequim. He was active in professional organizations as well as Boy Scouts of America, Rotary and Sequim Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Laura, his brother, **LeRoy**, '40, and his sister, **Eleanor (Hook) Gothberg**, '44.

Ethel E. "Sandy" (Boughton) Sanders, '42, died Aug. 27, after a series of strokes and a bad fall. Her husband, **Burton**, writes: "In September of 1937, fate or predestination made the two of us lab partners in 'Doc' Hedrick's freshman biology class, and one thing led to another.... In our sophomore year, she and I had the pleasure of planning the chapel sessions for Dean Hardwick." She is survived by her husband and by her sister, **Marjorie (Boughton)**, '42) **Rodkey**, and brother-in-law, **Lee Rodkey**, '42.

Rev. **Lyman L. Myers**, '45, died Sept. 22, 1998, of cancer. He was 86. After graduating from Whitworth, he served as a pastor in the Evangelical Free Church for more than 50 years. He had also been a professor at Allahabad Seminary in India, a speaker at many conferences and a worker at the Jenning Lodge Church Camp in Oregon. He was a long-time member of the Gospel Gleemen, a choral group of evangelical ministers. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

David L. Holmes, '48, died of an apparent heart attack on August 25. He was a Hall of Fame football coach and innovator in the Inland Northwest, beginning and ending his 36-year coaching career at Spokane high schools. He guided Eastern Washington University to the national NAIA championship and led the University of Hawaii football program to national prominence. He is a member of five football halls of fame, including the Whitworth Heritage Hall of Fame, and taught no fewer than five successful coaches, including Dick

Zornes of EWU. Zornes said, "He ran the West Coast offense before anyone put a name to it and advocated strength training 15 years before anyone else did it." An avid supporter of Whitworth College, he was active in the Crimson Club and he and his wife, **Sue (Pace)**, '49, were class ambassadors for the alumni association for many years. One of his greatest loves was fly-fishing, and he died while fishing on the St. Joe River in Idaho. He is survived by his wife and children, Nancy, Rocky, Sue Ann and Jill.

Myron "Pat" Douglass, '49, died Oct. 5, 1998. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary and was a Presbyterian pastor for many years. He had retired and was involved in interim-pastor service. He is survived by brothers Richard and Ronald.

Rudy Cozzetto, '52, died Aug. 2, in Spokane. He was 71. After duty in the army in WWII, he returned to Spokane and married Beverly Larson. He sold office supplies for Shaw Borden, and then Kershaw's. He bought Kershaw's and operated it successfully for many years, expanding the business into Montana and Idaho. In 1995, he sold the business to his daughter, Diane, and became chairman of the board. He is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, one brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

George Payne Weber, '54, died April 13 of a brain hemorrhage. He was a career navy intelligence officer and served during the Vietnam War. Upon retirement, he moved to San Diego. He founded the Heritage Band Society, salvaging musical scores from the turn of the century, and had one of the largest collections of band music on the West Coast. In 1982 he formed the Grand Pacific Band, a Victorian-inspired band that has become a fixture at San Diego parades and events. He helped establish the Grand Military Encampment, an annual historical armed forces celebration at San Diego's Embarcadero Park. A musical advisor and protocol expert, he helped with the America's Cup events, was commodore of the Ancient Mariners Association, restored Pierce-Arrow classic cars and was writing an almanac of California maritime history at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Joanie, three daughters and a son, and a twin brother and a sister.

Dale W. Parton, '56, died June 10 in Alder, Wash. Before attending Whitworth, Dale was in the army in World War II, serving in Patton's 11th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge. After Whitworth, Dale taught for 28 years and was an active member of the Eatonville Baptist Church and commander of the American Legion Post in Eatonville. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean, five children, 12 grandchildren and two brothers.

George Taylor, '58, died Jan 26 after a multiple bypass operation. George was a Panamanian citizen, and worked as a missionary with the Latin America Mission before moving to Chicago to teach at Northern Baptist Seminary. He also pastored churches in Southern California and was a teacher at Fuller Seminary. He and his wife, Miriam, moved to Costa Rica upon his retirement two years ago. He is survived by his wife and by several children.

Ernest R. Cavanaugh, '59, died unexpectedly Sept. 3 in Lancaster, Ohio. Survivors include his wife, Addie, and son, **Leslie D. Cavanaugh**, '78.

Betty Koetje has notified us of the death of her husband, **David H. Koetje**, '61, on March 6. He had battled cancer for three years and was an inspiration for friends and family through his confidence in God's love and care.

Word has been received that **Phyllis Knuckles**, Education Department secretary from 1957-1964, died Dec. 5, 1998, from a brain hemorrhage. She is survived by her husband, William.

Verna Driessen, '67, died Oct. 22 of natural causes at her home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was 95. She was a teacher for more than 25 years, and worked to improve education for all children. She was active in numerous community activities, professional organizations and her church. She is survived by her daughter, Katherine Ulbricht, of Coeur d'Alene, her son, Jon Driessen, of Missoula, Mont., four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Earl J. Washington, '71, died at age 54 on June 14, of cancer. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He returned to Spokane and worked for the Washington State Human Rights Commission, and then Kaiser Aluminum. In 1975, he moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he worked for Motorola GTE as director of human resources. He was founder and president of Washington Training and Development and traveled internationally, conducting workshops for business leaders. He was a guest lecturer for many colleges and universities, a member of many civic and professional boards, and a member of First Institutional Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, two daughters, a son, his father, two brothers and two grandchildren.

Melodee (Stucky) Ingraham, '85, died in a vehicle accident in Papua, New Guinea, on June 27. She was 37. Melodee was born, reared and educated as a "missionary kid" in New Guinea. She met her husband, **David**,

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'85, at Whitworth, and they were married in 1984. They were recruited to work for Wycliffe Bible Translators as children's home parents to missionary kids and literacy workers. They worked with Melodee's parents for four years, and after receiving translation training, they returned to New Guinea to work as translators and house parents. Melodee is survived by her husband, their four young children, a brother and sister, and her parents.

Sheila (Farren) Caudillo, '88, died July 21, of cancer. She was a high school teacher and volleyball coach, and then vice principal at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, Calif. While at Whitworth, she was editor of *The Whitworthian*, as well as a resident assistant and basketball player. She is survived by her husband, John.

Marlene (Nilsson) Rogers, '89, died Oct. 31, from complications due to cancer. She was born in 1937 in Tekoa, Wash., and attended Spokane schools. She married Ronald G. Rogers in 1954. A non-traditional student at Whitworth, she majored in education with a theatre minor. She was a talented musician, singer, actor, playwright and artist. Survivors include her husband, sons **Stephen, '79**, and **David**, daughter Kathleen Rogers MacDonald, a brother, and several grandchildren.

Deirdre Gumb, '92, passed away Dec. 13, 1998, after a long illness. She is survived by her parents and her sister, **Renee Riley, '81**.

Letters sent in connection with the 2000 alumni directory have reported the deaths of the following alums: **Ralph C. Schlichtig, '27**; Rev. **James Brown, '41**, June 13, 1998; **Marjorie J. (Laughlin) Mansfield, '48**, April 18, 1995, and **Laurence J. Mansfield, '47**, Dec. 17, 1998; Col. **Daniel W. McCalmont, USAF (Ret.), '47**, in 1997; **Dwight Gustafson, '50**; **Lorna (Snodgrass) Fink, '55**, in 1997; Rev. **Richard L. McGuire, '58**, March 12; **Margaret (McKay) Gillingham, '61**, May 15, 1998; **Peter A. Meilke, '68**, Feb. 1; **Roger H. Hodgson, '71**, June 22, 1998; **Damon L. McCauley, '88**, March 6.

HARDWICK BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The Hardwick Memorial Committee, comprising alums from the 1930s and '40s, has commissioned a booklet, *An Expression of Gratitude*, chronicling the lasting influence of Dean Francis T. Hardwick (*Whitworth Today*, Summer 1999). The booklet, written by Keith Murray, '35, is available through the Alumni Office. Please contact Alumni Assistant Florence Young at 509-777-3799 or fyoung@whitworth.edu to request a copy.

future whitworthians



We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the Whitworth family and to congratulate their parents.

Rebecca Douglass, '85, and David Dempsey, a boy, Griffen Dempsey, May 15.

Marc, '86, and Karen Nord, a boy, Joshua Dayne, July 10. His middle name is in honor of the late Dayne J. Nix, bursar, servant and friend to many students at Whitworth for more than 40 years.

Beth Ann (Lindell, '87) Day and Ben Rinzler, a girl, Lucy Jane Rinzler-Day, December 1998.

Andrew and Krisi (Romberger, '93) Sonneland, a boy, Adam John, July 8.

Brian Parisotto, '88, and Jamie Kent, a boy, Desmond Ray, Oct. 1.

David, '88, and Suzanne Anderson, a girl, Natalie, Feb. 17.

Laura (Russell, '88) and Robert Chang, a son, Justin, Feb. 22.

David, '89, and Jennifer Adams, a boy, Felix Timothy, June 5.

Jim, '89, and Karla Bennett, a boy, Andrew Tilton, June 25.

Bonnie (Hein) and Jonathan Reeves, both '89, a girl, Rebecca Lynn, May 18.

Jennifer (Ritchey) and Steve Outslay, a girl, Jessica Rae, July 13.

Juliane (Meagor, '89) and Andrew Brown, '90, a boy, Harrison Andrew, Aug. 4, 1998.

Kurt, '90, and **Chrystal (Cook, '91) Helmcke**, a girl, Katherine Joy, July 25.

Stephanie (Ruark, '90) and Rick Herzog, a girl, Lydia, July 4, 1997.

Tod, '90, and Deb Ricker, a boy, Anson Lee, Dec. 21, 1998.

Susan (Packard, '90) and David Hagman, a boy, Burton James, Jan. 10.

Karen (Gruber, '91) and **Scot, '93, Crandal**, a boy, Colin Gibson, April 2.

Paula (Mathias, '91) and Stuart Fryer, a girl, Ellis, Dec. 18, 1998.

Paige (Baker) and Mark McIlraith, both '92, a boy, Aiden Scott, May 1.

Roseanne (Ramos) and Mark Oty, both '92, a girl, Cayla Lynn, Oct. 21, 1998.

Kim (Lovitt, '93) and Mike Reynolds, a girl, Jordan Rebekah, Sept. 22.

Frank, '93, and Jan Hernandez, a boy, Kent, fall 1998.

Jenny (DeHart, '94) and Rob Armendariz, a boy, Tyler William, Sept. 2.

Mark and Kristine Renner, both '94, a boy, Jonah Mark, June 4.

Audra (Osterberg, '95), and Brian Frasier, a daughter, Mekenzie, Dec. 2, 1998.

Mandy (Kelly) and Eric Sundet, both '96, a daughter, Ryen Elaine, Mar. 16.

Rebecca (Luna, '98) and Joshua Pezzullo, a boy, Gage Thomas, Feb. 21.

CORE 650 STUDY TOUR

WITH RICK HORNOR, '70



Join alumni, parents and friends of Whitworth for 10 days in London with Theatre Professor Rick Hornor. The study tour will depart on June 26 and return on July 6, 2000. Fewer than 10 spots remain, so reserve your space now [and get a flyer with all of the details] by calling the Alumni Office at 1-800-532-4668 or [509] 777-3799. Course credit is available.

class of '37

Ralph Shanks lives in Napa, Calif., and has organized two churches in Los Angeles and two others in Northern California.

class of '49

Reunion for Class of 1950, '49 and '51 invited - June 23-25, 2000.

Congratulations to **Elden** and **Dolores Unruh**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 19. They're grateful to family and friends who have always been supportive.

class of '50

Reunion for Class of 1950, '49 and '51 invited - June 23-25, 2000.

class of '51

Reunion for Class of 1950, '49 and '51 invited - June 23-25, 2000.

Reunion for Class of 1951, '50 and '52 invited - June 28-30, 2001.

George Till and his wife, Virginia, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this summer while vacationing in Branson, Mo. They and their three daughters and five

grandchildren all live in the Portland, Ore., area. George is the executive director of Student Ministries, Inc., and says, "My Greek professor, Dr. **Lawrence Yates**, referred me to my first formal ministry following graduation - namely, summer pulpit supply for Coulee City Presbyterian Church. I've been in ministry for 48 years and have never regretted attending Whitworth."

class of '52

Reunion for Class of 1951, '50 and '52 invited - June 28-30, 2001.

class of '53

Larry and **Nancy Clark**, Spokane, attended his North Central High School 50th-year graduation party last fall.

class of '55

Reunion for Classes of 1955, '56 and '57 - June 28-30, 2001.

Doris (Burke) Marsh is director of children's ministry at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego, Ore. She and her

husband, Rev. **Spencer Marsh, Jr.**, have created a new website, The Growthery Store, which sells Spencer's inspirational books. **Nancy Howard** assists with the after-school program at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, N.J.

class of '56

Reunion for Classes of 1955, '56 and '57 - June 28-30, 2001.

class of '57

Reunion for Classes of 1955, '56 and '57 - June 28-30, 2001.

After suffering a heart attack on Christmas morning 1998, **Anne (Creevey) Soucy** has made a good recovery. She and husband **Ron**, of Coquille, Ore., "walk miles daily and are enjoying the Oregon coast immensely."

class of '58

Richard Waddell lives in Farmington, Maine, where he works for First Congregational Church.

class of '59

Reunion for Classes of 1959, '60 and '61 - June 23-25, 2000.

class of '60

Reunion for Classes of 1959, '60 and '61 - June 23-25, 2000.

Minta Willis is an adoption counselor for World Association for Parents and Children in Spokane. **Carol (Steven) Campbell** is retired and lives in Grand Junction, Colo.

class of '61

Reunion for Classes of 1959, '60 and '61 - June 23-25, 2000.

Wilburn Moore lives in Las Vegas, where he's still playing golf and walking all 18 holes. He retired in 1978.

class of '65

Reunion for Classes of 1965, '66 and '67 - June 28-30, 2001.

class of '66

Reunion for Classes of 1965, '66 and '67 - June 28-30, 2001.



Wilson enjoys the best of both worlds

Most folks consider themselves lucky if they have a job that fits them perfectly. **Steve Wilson**, '77, believes he is particularly blessed because he has two jobs that fit him perfectly. From Monday through Friday, he is the administrative associate for the Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene. He oversees the staff and handles the business end of things at the church. "Most people hate the paperwork," he says. "I love it!"

But on Sundays from August to January, Steve finds himself doing a job that's the very antithesis of desk-bound paper-pusher. As a referee for the National Football League, he must be physically active and mentally alert, working in front of thousands of fans who have little sympathy for a blown call or a missed infraction.

His routine is fairly consistent. He boards an airplane Saturday and flies to the game's host city, where he and the other six members of the crew spend three hours watching film of the previous week's game and critiquing their performances. On game day, they're required to be at the field three hours before kickoff.



Steve Wilson is Umpire No. 29.

Steve's football connection began in childhood and continued at Whitworth, where he was the quarterback during the Bucs' glory years under Coach **Hugh Campbell**. Steve realized that a professional playing career was not for him and neither was coaching. So he began officiating local games, making his way through the parochial school league, the "B" squad and JV games until he reached the

high-school level, and then the NCAA Division I ranks.

The Whitworth thread that runs through Steve's career also binds him to yet another Whitworthian in the NFL. For two years Steve roomed with **Mike Riley**, a young assistant football coach who was getting his master's degree. After graduation, they went their separate ways - Steve to officiating and Mike to college coaching - and it happened that Steve's last game as an NCAA referee was Mike's last game as an NCAA coach at Oregon State. After that game, Steve was chosen to join the select company of 112 NFL game officials - and Mike became head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

Asked about the college's role in his career, Steve is quick to credit Whitworth and to tip his cap to athletics as a whole. He says that Whitworth is where he learned the value of team, and athletics taught him perseverance and commitment to excellence - to "finish the task and strive to achieve the next goal."



FIFTIETH REUNION

Dick Carr, Elden Unruh and Ginny (Warren) Ainley are among the members of the Class of 1949 honored at their 50th reunion in June. The classes of 1948 and 1950 were also invited to reunite at the gathering.

class of '67

Reunion for Classes of 1965, '66 and '67 – June 28-30, 2001.

Susan (Covey) McCool is now a homemaker after working for 32 years in the field of medical records. Her husband, Larry, retired this year and they are both active at First Presbyterian Church in Kelso, Wash.

class of '68

Jerry Van Marter is "still hacked off that less than a handful of the Class of 1968 showed up last summer for our 30th class reunion." Your next chance will be summer 2002! **Gregory Roth** (formerly Gary Roth) retired in 1998 after 20 years as an Air Force chaplain. He and his wife, Catharine, recently moved to Spokane; she is currently working on her seventh book.

class of '69

Reunion for Classes of 1969, '70 and '71 – June 23-25, 2000.

class of '70

Reunion for Classes of 1969, '70 and '71 – June 23-25, 2000.

class of '71

Reunion for Classes of 1969, '70 and '71 – June 23-25, 2000.

class of '72

Richard Rayl and his wife, Dodie, are living in Roach, Mo. He has been with New Tribes Mission since 1972.

Jim have moved to California. Joan owns Barking Frog Productions, a computer design firm in El Dorado Hills, and Jim works for AVCOM Technologies, Inc. Son **Adam** is a senior at Whitworth, and daughter **Erin** is in high school. "Whitworth has been our choice for three generations in our family, and we are blessed by its influence," says Joan.

class of '77

Reunion for Classes of 1975, '76 and '77 – June 28-30, 2001.

Jeanne Givens, a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and a nationally known minority rights activist, was one of about 100 attendees at the White House ceremony for the unveiling of the new Sacajawea silver dollar.

class of '78

Patricia Campbell Carlson runs a private therapeutic massage practice while working as a writer and counselor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. **Janet Macgregor-Williams** has completed work on her doctor of ministry degree at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She is pastor of Elmora Presbyterian Church, and lives in Elizabeth, N.J., with her husband, Chris, and son Keith. **Marta (Kiger) Morrison** received her master's degree in teaching English as a second or other language from United States International University in San Diego, Calif.

class of '79

Reunion for Classes of 1979, '80 and '81 – June 23-25, 2000.

Sue (Bartlett) Lyon and her husband, Bill, were happy to return to the states last year after five years with Pepsi in Poland. They live in Newtown, Conn., and Sue has a relocation business, helping new families become acclimated to life overseas. The Lyons have two children, Tyler and Annie.

class of '80

Reunion for Classes of 1979, '80 and '81 – June 23-25, 2000.

Judy (Kohlstedt) Greenough and her husband, Steve, are pastoring at Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Colville, Wash. She teaches part time in a school district program for homeschoolers. **Marion (Pruitt) Miller** checked in for the first time in 20 years! She and her husband of 20 years, Tom, have two children, Owen, 14, and Rebecca, 12. Marion earned her M.Div. from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and she and Tom are associate pastors of First Lutheran Church in Decorah, Iowa, where she also serves as cantor and principal organist. **Nancy (Erickson) and Tim ('81) Scott** live with their two children, Amy and Kyle, in Everson, Wash. Nancy is a substitute teacher and elementary science specialist for the district, and Tim teaches middle-school math and science.

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CRUISIN' WITH THE CLASSES OF '63 TO '65

Members of the classes of 1963-1965 enjoy a cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene as part of this year's summer reunion weekend. **Kathie (Koopmans, '64) Neir** (center, in Whitworth sweatshirt) cajoled and prodded her classmates for months and was rewarded with the largest participation of any reunion group in 1999. Other groups that celebrated June 25-27 included the classes of '53-'55 and '73-'75.

class of '81

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Robert David Graham and his wife, Monika, live in Berghelm, Germany, and have started a consulting business for film and television producers. "Check out our website at <http://thebobweb.com>," they say. The Grahams have two sons, Noah, 5, and Elvis (yes, Elvis), 2. **Gary Rolf** and his wife, Erika, live in Eagle River, Alaska, where he is "not president of anything, not dean of anything, just defending the country and enjoying marriage." **Mitchell Watney** lives in Newport, Ore., and works for Atonement Lutheran Church.

class of '82

Denise Housley married Steve Asplund Aug. 1, 1998, in Kennewick, with Whitworthians **Shelley (Smith) Boucher**, **Cheryl (Andrew) Force** and **Karen (Waterbury) Kirkman** helping celebrate. Denise became a mom to Jarrod, 4, and teaches third grade for the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, Wash. Steve works for the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

class of '83

Peter Bozek has worked for five years for Ventura County Environmental Health in the leaking underground fuel tank division and lives in the beautiful Ventura/Santa Barbara area. His current ministries involve working with inmates at California Youth Authority, singing in choir and leading praise and worship at Bible study.

class of '85

John Hewitt is an elementary teacher for the Marysville, Wash., school district. Last year, he was an exchange teacher to Adelaide, South Australia. He's involved with the Miata Club of America and league volleyball and is a teacher/leader in the People to People Student Ambassador travel program. **Rebecca Magnus** married Scott Peck June 26. She is in the family nurse practitioner program at the University of Washington in Seattle. **Ada Wolf** lives in Mercer Island, Wash., where she is an on-site manager of an apartment building for seniors. She's also involved with KAIROS prison ministry.

class of '86

John Worster and his wife, Angela, live in the Tri-Cities area with daughters Whitney, Lindsay and Haily, and new son Dhylan Jacob, born Sept. 27. John is an on-air announcer and assistant production director for Tri-Cities Radio, and public address announcer for the Western Hockey League Tri-City Americans. Angela works at GESA Credit Union and races in the pure stock division at Tri-City Raceway. **Mark Bradley** is in the U.S. Air Force and lives in Niceville, Fla., with his wife, Jenny.

class of '87

Presbyterians for Renewal has named the Rev. **Steven Matthies** as recipient of its first Renewal Scholars Fellowship, a stipend for Ph.D. studies for up to four years. He received his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1992 and was associate pastor of Moreland Presbyterian Church in Portland, Ore., until returning to Princeton last fall. **Jeff Spalding** moved to Perth, Western Australia, 10 years ago to play basketball. Now he's a production accountant with Peters and Brownes Group, an ice cream manufacturer. He and his wife, Candy, have a daughter, Sabrina, 3. **Kerry**

(**Taubenheim**) **Besette** called from Hercules, Calif., to report that she is teaching preschool there. She and her husband have just purchased their first home, and their daughter, Rachel, will enter kindergarten this fall. **Beth Ann (Lindell) Day** tried twice to finish her Ph.D. in Renaissance literature before "giving up and moving to New York City two years ago." She manages the research department of an investment bank, and husband Ben Rinzler works in software development.

class of '88

Brian Parisotto is a physical education teacher at Chewelah Middle School. He and his wife, Jamie Kent, live in Spokane. **Paul Vanderveen** owns a construction company in Spokane, specializing in new homes. He and his wife, Melody, have three daughters. **Laurie (Ross) Clements** lives on Spokane's South Hill and works in sales promotion at 105.7 The Peak radio station. Her sons are Brandon, 7, and TJ, 3. **Jessica (McColl) Neilson** has left litigation practice and returned to Harvard Law School to pursue a long-held dream of teaching law. **Timothy and Deborah ('91) Smith** have just bought their first house in Walnut Creek, Calif. Tim's an attorney with Skadden Arps and Deborah is an at-home mom with Kate, 5, and Alison, 2. **Laura (Russell) Chang** is on maternity leave from her teaching job at Cooper Mountain Elementary in Beaverton, Ore. She and her husband, Robert, live in Hillsboro, Ore. **Paige (Henry) Novak** is back in the Seattle area after living in Germany for five years.

class of '89

Bruce Lewis married Kristen Collins in July, and they live in Boston. Bruce is director of information systems training for a law firm and Kristen works at Brigham and Women's Hospital. They had been living in Zambia, where Bruce taught at a private Muslim school and Kristen was in the Peace Corps. **Sungwook Chung** is married, lives in Oxford, England, and has a 15-month-old son. He earned his master's degree at Harvard Divinity School and was recently ordained. He is working on his Ph.D. in systematic theol-



ogy at Oxford. **Laurie (Bennett) Gerhardstein** recently moved to Delaware, Ohio. Her husband, Ron, is a professor of music education at Ohio Wesleyan University, and Laurie fills pulpits around the presbytery when necessary. They have a son, Bennett. **Ted Wilson** is a fourth/fifth grade teacher at Glacier Valley School in the Juneau School District in Alaska. **Tim Robblee** is attending graduate school in conducting at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. **James H. Magee** has expanded his law practice and is remodeling his home in Tacoma, Wash.

class of '90

Reunion for Classes of 1990, '89 and '91 Invited - Homecoming 2000.

Joe Conroy and his wife, **Kristen (Cowell, '91)**, are probation offic-

ers for the Pendleton, Ore., County Juvenile Department. They have two children, McKenzie, 5, and Tanner, 3. **Steve Mercer** married Linda Chrisman on May 22, with **Mike Vahle, '91**, and **Erik Holm** as best man and groomsmen. The Mercers honeymooned in Tahiti, where Steve contracted typhoid fever. Steve and Linda work at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church in children's programming. **Josh and Holly (Berg, '94) Wilcox** live in Spokane with their two children, Drake, 9, and Kohlton, 2. After three years as music director at First United Presbyterian Church of Graham, Texas, **Steve Murray** has taken a similar position at Keller First United Methodist Church. He wrote and conducted his third cantata for choir and orchestra last spring. **Stephanie (Ruark)**

and **Rick Herzog** were married on April 13, 1996, and are now living in Seattle.

class of '91

Kristin Large married Brian McAllister, a CPA from Colorado Springs, in September 1998. In July they moved to Lincoln, Neb., where Kristin works at the University of Nebraska and Brian is pursuing a Ph.D. in accountancy.

Dr. S. Trevor McCrorey has recently joined the staff at Spokane's Holy Family Hospital. He graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine in 1996 and completed an internship and residency in South Dakota. **Dennis Higgins** works in the clinical laboratory at Providence Seattle Medical Center, doing chemistry and hematology testing. The highlight of his year has

been meeting his 10-year-old daughter for the first time. **Marshall and Kay (Knowles) Monteville** are at WSU in Pullman. The Navy has sent Marshall back to school for his Ph.D. in microbiology. **Elizabeth (Cliffe) Harding** lives in Portland and is a graduate student in clinical psychology at George Fox University. **Buff, '92**, and **Sherri (Braun) Normand** live in Anchorage, Alaska. He works for ERA Aviation, a commuter airline, and she works at Anchorage Center for Families as a family therapist.

class of '92

Ryan Gossen is studying for his Ph.D. in cognitive psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. **Jennifer (Eekhoff)** and **Marvin Northcutt** of Grants Pass, Ore., report that they "have bought a

Jim Saunders: Alum's life of service touched many

Thirty-one years isn't much time, but **Jim Saunders, '90**, used it well. He touched his family, his friends, his professors, his fellow officers, the people he served, and even the Governor of Washington with his humor, his love of life and his devotion to his family and his job. He died in the line of duty, when he was shot Oct. 7 during a routine traffic stop.

The Whitworth community reeled on that day in early autumn when news of Saunders' murder hit the campus and the media sought out people at Whitworth who had known Jim as a student. Political Studies Professor **John Yoder**, among others, spent much of the day recounting stories about this young man - as a student who made friends wherever he went, who played on the Pirate football team, who hammed it up as a disco dancer in a memorable skit at the annual orientation barbecue, whose goal was always to be a state patrolman.



Officer Jim Saunders

One of Jim's duties as a Washington State Patrol officer was to guard Gov. Gary Locke when the governor traveled in southeastern Washington. Locke, who said that he was "outraged" at Jim's murder, spoke in the newspapers of a recent visit to the Tri-Cities when "I talked to Trooper Saunders about his work and his family." The shaken governor told reporters, "This is a personal loss to me."

Three thousand mourners attended Jim's funeral in Kennewick, where he was eulogized by a fellow officer as "a big, brave man with an unrelenting sense of humor, a pro-

found sense of duty to the people of Washington and a powerful love for his wife and daughter." Governor Locke also spoke at the service, telling Jim's widow that she would remain in his and his wife's prayers "today and always," and telling her and the rest of the mourners, "We are just so very, very sorry."

Jim's death shook his classmates to their foundations. One of those classmates, **Heidi Hellner-Gomez, '90**, attended his funeral and was reminded of the graduation commissioning service in which she and Jim had participated in 1990. "As we prayed together for the last time as Whitworth students, I felt inspired, proud and certain of my destiny to make an impact on the world," she said. Saying that she'd lost sight of that commitment over the years, Heidi then told of rediscovering it at Jim's funeral. "Yesterday I remembered my call and my commission to serve," she said. "Jim died in service, which has inspired me to recall and recommit myself to the dreams and ideals I had allowed to become buried over the past ten years. I thank Jim for his sacrifice and example."

Jim Saunders leaves his wife, Billie, and his daughter, Megan, 2. Billie will give birth to the couple's second child in early 2000.



TEN-YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1989 holds a reunion banquet in the HUB during Homecoming festivities in October. Alumni Director **Tad Wisenor, '89**, was pleased to welcome back more than 50 of his classmates, some coming from as far away as Toronto and Virginia.

house and have cool jobs." **Steve** and **Sara Konek** have been married for three years and live in Covington, Wash. Steve works for a company selling computers to corporate offices and Sara is a teacher in the Kent School District. No children yet, but they have two puppies that keep them busy! **Eloise (Nelson)** and her husband, **Michael Simms**, live in Port Coquitlam, B.C., Canada, have been married for three years and recently became foster parents. **Kara Meissner** has about 20 fourth-grade students and teaches everything except music at Neighborhood Christian School in Bothell, Wash. **Mark McIlraith** is in his second year at Princeton Theological Seminary and has done fight scenes on stage with Plácido Domingo for the Metropolitan Opera. **Pamela Jacobi** is one of the first two graduates of Princeton Theological Seminary's dual degree program that combines the M.A. and M.Div. degrees. **Sean Smith** is a computer operator at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. **Melanie (Allerdings)** and **Timothy Figart** have lived in Prosser, Wash., for three years and are actively involved in the ministries of their church, New Life Christian Center.

class of '93

Crystal Lattimer is the marketing communications manager at InScribe Technologies, in the Boston area. The firm develops websites for start-up companies and venture capital firms. **Patricia**

(**Hoggard**) **Hendricks** lives in Midvale, Utah, and works for the Jordan School District. **Dave** and **Kim (Huston, '96) Snyder** reside in Silverdale, Wash., with their two daughters. Dave teaches eighth grade at Kingston Junior High, and Kim is the athletic trainer at Bremerton High School, where she is developing a vocational sports medicine program.

class of '94

Barbie (Silvey) Roper is working on her master's degree in elementary education at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C. **Julie Litchfield** completed her MSW at the University of Washington in March and moved to the Washington, D.C., area. She is a mental health counselor for Pathway Homes in Virginia, and plans to marry Eric Main in the spring. **Russ Ekins** is giving the world of business a try at Coors Distributing Co. after teaching for several years. His wife, Paula, works part time for Boise Parks and Recreation as an aquatic specialist while she finishes her degree in physical education. Alexander, 5, and Mary Katherine, 2, also keep Russ and Paula busy. **Michelle Ryker** married Eric Batsford in December 1998, and they have bought their first home in Foothill Ranch, Calif. **Sarah (Graham) Hilden** received her MA in classroom teaching from PLU in August 1998. In July, she took her Sumner High School choir to Vienna, Austria, for the 28th International Youth and Music Festival. Her choir took second place,

then spent two weeks traveling around Vienna and Salzburg and Munich, Germany. **Sandy Burwell** and **Erich VonHeeder** were married Feb. 20, and they live in Glendale, Calif. **Amy Harker** graduated from Mayo Medical School and has begun her internal medicine residency in Rochester, Minn.

class of '95

Michelle Conway ran into Glenna Schubarth, former Whitworth psychology professor, at a conference, and "it brought to mind so many great Whitworth memories." Michelle has finished her master's in psychology at Western Washington University and hopes to celebrate with a trip to visit her brother in Zimbabwe. **Audra (Osterberg)** and **Brian Frasier** live in Otis Orchards, Wash., and have two children, Brett, 3, and Mekenzie, almost 1. **Cindy Kohlmann** received her M.Div. degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and has accepted a call to Santa Teresa Presbyterian Church in New Mexico. She'll be solo pastor for an 80-member congregation. **Tait Wasser**, who lives in Bayonne, N.J., shot his limit of pheasant in South Dakota last fall. **Brooke Lippy** completed her master's and Certificate of Advanced Study, both in library science, and will be catalog librarian at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. **Dan Steer** recently competed in the Pittsburgh Marathon with three other Princeton seminarians, finishing the race. **Larry Edgemon** was re-

cently selected "Outstanding Young Educator of the Year" for the Sacramento, Calif., area. He is a first-grade teacher in Carmichael. **Sara Revell** is employed at the Japanese consulate in Houston, Texas. **Katy (Thompson)** and **Dana Perreard** are working at First Presbyterian Church in Seattle. He is the director of student ministries, while she is the director of neighborhood outreach.

class of '96

Janine Warner is a market research coordinator with InFocus Systems in Wilsonville, Ore. She lives in Tigard, where she is a lay staff leader with high school students at Rolling Hills Community Church. **Lesley Williams** is a child moderator ("think Tom Hanks in *Big*") in the research department at Mattel Toys in Los Angeles. She recently got a spot in a Pacific Resident Theatre Company production. **Mandy (Kelly) Sundet** is a stay-at-home mom with a new baby while husband **Erik** pursues a Ph.D. in pharmacy at WSU. **Jay** and **Tatyana (Fedchun, '97) Colgan** bought their first home, in Kennewick, Wash. **Amanda Pennington** lives in Washington, D.C., and works in the press office for the Speaker of the House. **Nick Roghair** completed his MAT at the University of Alaska-Southeast, enjoyed his internship and is a junior high math teacher in Gambell, Alaska. **Wendi Story** has earned her M.Ed. degree in educational leadership and policy from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. **Christina DeRoche** married Jeff Moore in May, earned her master's degree in public policy from Regent University and is employed at The Maclellan Foundation. **Delma (Craig) and Angel Luna** live in Moscow, Idaho, where Delma works for a Northwest-based investment firm and Angel is in a master's program at the University of Idaho. **Rachel (Taylor) Coleman** is finishing her MSW degree in clinical work and public policy at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She is an intern at the National Institutes of Health. Rachel's husband, **Seth** (brother of **Ben Coleman, '98**), is conducting research for the University of Maryland's biology department. **Andrea Blake** began a

two-year law clerkship in the U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C., after graduating with near-perfect grades from Gonzaga School of Law. She came highly recommended, with one of her professors calling her "probably the smartest person I have ever met." **Greg Powers** and his wife, Alysa, went on a mission trip to Ukraine and Hungary with Seattle First Free Methodist Church. They recently bought a new house in Everett, Wash. **Lisa (O'Donnell) Bartel** received her CPA license in August 1998. She lives in Albany, Ore., where she works for Price, Koontz & Davies, PC.

class of '97

Christine (Holman) Cohn is communications director at First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Wash., and is responsible for newsletters, bulletins, advertising and the church's website. Her husband, Michael, works at FPCB with four other Whitworthians. **Matthew Paul Holstege** is an athletic trainer at Florida International University in Miami. **David Collins** lives in Boston and attends Berklee College of Music. During the summer, he was an intern at George Lucas' Skywalker Sound,

recording music and sound effects at the Skywalker Ranch in California. **Melodie Jones** has begun classes at Princeton Theological Seminary and has discovered some fellow Whitworthians among her classmates: **Betsy (Broyles, '95)** and **Eric Moe, '95**, **Becki Barrett, '98**, **Ed Kross** and **Sarah Marsh, both '96**, and **Erin Walsh**. **Carry Kyle** is an Americorps Fellow in Spokane with Health Improvement Partnership, a nonprofit organization. She plans to pursue a master's degree in public health/women's studies. **William Kealaiki** works for Hawaii

Medical Service Association. **Gregory Amend** has passed the CPA exam in the state of Washington. **Amber Palmer** is a graphic designer working for Southwest Airlines in Dallas, Texas. SWA has 29,000 employees, and all the printed material they see comes from her office. "Who says working for *The Whitworthian* isn't worth anything?" she asks. **Chris Martin** is network manager of Northwest College in Kirkland. His wife, **Erika (Oestrich, '98)**, teaches humanities and English at Sultan Middle School in Sultan, Wash. **Rachel (Karr)** and Matthew

Schowengerdt assesses needs, facilitates change

Most Christmas letters tell of homes bought, children born and graduated, jobs accepted and honors won. But **Anna Schowengerdt, '93**, tells a different tale in hers.

"I'm sitting in the middle of the forest waiting for a 10-ton truck to get unstuck from the mud, watching brightly colored birds fly among the towering trees and huge ferns, smelling the powerful stench of a dead monkey tied to the top of the truck (destined for someone's dinner table), and listening to *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* on short-wave radio," she writes. Anna's job as head of monitoring for the world-wide emergency relief agency Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has plunked her down in Liberia, a large country on the Atlantic coast of Africa. Headquartered in Monrovia, she travels on the rough dirt tracks through dense rainforest to all parts of the country. CRS has provided most of the food in Liberia since the country's civil war began in 1990, and now, with the war at least officially over, CRS' role is a changing one, scaling down relief intervention and providing support for agricultural recovery and infrastructure rehabilitation.

Schowengerdt's job includes setting up a national monitoring and evalua-



Anna Schowengerdt meets with local residents to determine community needs.

tion system to determine the effectiveness of aid programs and their impact on the nutrition and rehabilitation of the Liberian population. She's involved in latrine-construction programs designed to improve personal hygiene and minimize serious health problems associated with poor sanitation. She helps with swamp-rice growing schemes that will increase the food supply from within the country instead of keeping it dependent on foreign aid. Liberia is struggling to rebuild after the devastating war, and the country's peace process is in a delicate state. After seeing the destruction of most of the public and private buildings throughout the country, the loss of most rural schools and health clinics, and the continuation of "incidents" involving security forces, people are reluctant to believe peace

has really arrived.

Still, Schowengerdt sees reason to hope. Though the Liberians have lost belongings, homes, cultural pride, livelihoods and loved ones, she witnesses the slow but steady recovery of the country and its people. "Each day I am amazed at the resilience, strength and faith of many who survived the war," she says. "Seeing these terribly impoverished and wounded people living in deplorable conditions, yet remaining hopeful about the future and faithful to a loving God, is a humbling and inspirational experience."

Schowengerdt says she shares Bill Robinson's newsletter *Of Mind & Heart* with a small-but-mighty Whitworth contingent in Africa. She loves to receive e-mail, and can do so when the phone lines are working. Her address is aschowen@aol.com.



CORE 650 IN PARIS

Twenty-two alumni, parents and friends of Whitworth joined Professor Leonard Oakland for 10 days of exploration in Paris, France. Above, Oakland gives an orientation lecture in front of the Hotel de Ville (Paris' city hall).

Dupont are building a house in Oak Harbor, Wash., through a non-profit organization called Self-Help Housing. She works for SeaMar Community Health Center and he's employed by Tully's Coffee. **Tara (Fieback) and Chris Cooper, '98**, live in Taipei, Taiwan, where she is working for ORTV, a Christian company reaching out to Chinese people across the globe. He teaches sixth grade at Morrison Christian Academy. **Cody McCanna** lives in Dillingham, Alaska, and teaches Yupik Eskimo children in three different villages. **Matt, '98**, and **Nicole (St. Pierre) Ableidinger** live in Vancouver, Wash., and work for Parkrose Hardware.

class of '98

Kym Atkin is the promotions and marketing coordinator for the Spokane Chiefs hockey team, working in sponsorship sales, and finding singers (for the national anthem) and interns. **Jennifer Parrish** enrolled in the master's in education program at WSU this fall. **Peter Riehle** is working on his M.Ed. at EWU and is director of youth ministries at Community Church of Our Savior in Nine Mile Falls, Wash. He's been a volunteer camp counselor at Pend Orielle Bible Camp in Newport, and he coaches basketball and softball in the Nine Mile Falls School District. **Melissa Dunn** and **Aaron Head** were married Aug. 28 in Vallejo, Calif. Rev. **Keith DeVries, '79**, performed the ceremony. **Ben Patterson** works part

time at Stanford doing computer network/systems engineering and plays with three bands, including North Beach. "The North Beach CD is getting some airplay on radio stations in the Bay Area, so it's fun to walk through stores and hear myself occasionally," he says. **Hilary Martin** attends Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she is working on a master of science degree and an MBA in industrial engineering. **Jeff Powers** and **LaNé Brodehl, '99**, were married in San Jose Aug. 21. **Kirsten Brandvold** and **Douglas Sabata** were married July 17 in Spokane. Kirsten teaches English and Spanish at Ridgefield (Wash.) High School, and Douglas is a counselor at an elementary school in Longview, Wash., where the couple lives. **Greg Graybill** graduated from Oxford University with a master's in theology and has been readmitted to study for a doctorate in Reformation theology. **Erin Groefsema** and **Brian Hackwith** were married on July 10 in Sumner, Wash., and live in Lynnwood. She is subbing for the Edmonds School District in Seattle. Her brother, **Jeremy, '03**, is a freshman at Whitworth this year and loves it. Brian is a materials management analyst with Boeing. **Jamie Pace** is a graduate student in English literature at Portland State University and will present a paper at the International Medieval Conference at Western Michigan University in May. **Kate Hancock** spent last year acting and teaching with STOP, a Chris-

tian theatre company in Auburn, Ala. She recently returned to Whitworth to direct Cool Whip, the theatre department's improvisational company, and Troupe Whitworth, the department's touring company. **Matthew Newcomb** works at Gonzaga University. **Matty Broker** is sales manager at the Spokane Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Kristin Dashen** is in the master's in counseling program at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

class of '99

Rachael (Gazdik) and Selby Hansen are living in Columbus, Ohio. Trinity Baptist Church, Spokane, was the setting for the Aug. 7 wedding of **Jorene Marie Riggins** and **Steven J. Klopsch**. Jorene teaches at Regal Elementary, and Steve is in graduate studies at Whitworth. **Angela Hoff** and **Aaron Stark** were married on July 17. Angela is a substitute teacher in the Moscow and Pullman school districts, and she's the junior varsity soccer coach of the Moscow High School girls' team.

grad student notes

MIM

James Hodges, '98, is a marketing research analyst with Americorps. **Alexander Sed, '98**, and **Maria Silva-Martin, '98**, are working for Transtector in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Sed is an account manager for the automation division and Silva-Martin is the regional director. **Shoji Koike, '98**, is an aide to former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto in Tokyo. **Sergei Cemenenkoff, '98**, is a launch control room specialist/translator for Boeing's Sea Launch Project. **Seizo Yagi, '98**, is an international account manager for Cabletron Systems in Rochester, N.H. **Jae Young Lee, '98**, has a new position at Microsoft. **Minkyu Park, '99**, works for the Korean Exchange Bank in Seattle. **Mark Rehn, '99**, is a US Bank assistant relationship manager for Spokane/North Idaho business banking. **Matt McCoy, '96**, is an accounts manager for AT&T. **Amber Gravett, '99**, is the Midwest business development and marketing director for On Point Communications, in

Omaha, Neb. **Dave Stensland, '95**, is a senior financial analyst for ITRON. **Cecilia Finlin, '99**, is working in the international department at ITRON. **Robert Olson, '98**, is project coordinator for GARCO Industries. Olson has been invited to participate in an international research team, funded by the Japanese Education Ministry, that is studying global strategies of the Japanese automobile manufacturers. **Tamara Degitz, '97**, is marketing manager at Output Technology in Spokane. **Steven Gady, '99**, is an instructor in the School of Business at Eastern Washington University. **Norbert Hoelzl, '98**, is a management consultant for Ernst and Young Consulting in Munich, Germany. **Bret Simmons, '95**, received his Ph.D. in management from the University of Oklahoma and is teaching business management at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. **Jing Xu, '97**, who works for an international trading company in China, has published a book, *A Special America*, about her experiences and impressions as an international student in the U.S. **Dan Sanford, '65**, director of the MIM program, wrote the foreword. **Eric Ericksen, '96**, is a sales representative for Knoll Pharmaceutical Co. in Spokane.

EDUCATION (GSE AND MIT)

Diane Brennan, '97, is a registered counselor with Silk & Associates and Deaconess Medical Center, Behavioral Health Services, in Spokane. **Jason Durocher, '99**, is head athletic trainer at Hastings College in Hastings, Neb. **Lynn Green, '96**, is teaching fourth grade in Florence, Ore. **Kathy Hinds, '95**, is principal and special programs coordinator of Jennings Elementary School in Colfax, Wash. **Rich Miller, '97**, is the academic advisor in the Extended Degree Program at Washington State University. **Andy Mitchell, '98**, is a fourth-grade teacher at Maltby Elementary School in Snohomish. **Barb Rafter, '99**, works in the kindergarten program at Cooper Elementary in Spokane. **Patricia Schmidt, '97**, is assistant principal of West Valley High School in Spokane.



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Morning	Golf outing at a local course (optional)
1:30 p.m.	Core 650 lectures—Alumni College Afternoon (optional)
4 p.m.	Registration begins
6 p.m.	Buffet Supper—faculty from your era invited

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast with President Bill Robinson and Honors Ceremony for Class of 1950
10 a.m.	Escorted campus tours. The bookstore will be open.
Noon	Picnic Lunch
2:30 p.m.	2-hour charter cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene
6:30 p.m.	Punchbowl and separate reunion banquets in the HUB

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

9 a.m.	Alumni Worship Service, Seeley Mudd Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Farewell Brunch
Noon	Checkout time for those in the dorms.

Inclusive price for all events (except Friday golf):

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Whitworth's home page (www.whitworth.edu) sports a bold new look that's a big hit with users. ■ In addition to a fresh color scheme and design, the dynamic new site offers user-friendly navigation and search capabilities, a daily events calendar and the latest information about Whitworth. Since the re-design, the average number of users visiting the site each day has risen from 587 to 1,744. ■ The new-look home page was unveiled in conjunction with the launch of the Whitworth Faith in the Future Campaign site (www.whitworthfuture.com), which features audio and video clips introducing the campaign initiatives, updates on new gifts with graphs charting the campaign's progress, and a form for making online pledges. Come see us on the Web!

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December 13, 1999

Tom Sheek clarinet recital at Music Building Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Junior Art Exhibition at Koehler Art Gallery, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pirates looking to extend four-game winning streak



The Whitworth men's basketball team will be putting its four-game winning streak on the line as the Bucs host Okanagan University on Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. The Pirates have raised their win/loss record to 5-4 overall (1-1 in Northwest Conference play) after opening their season with three straight losses. The women's basketball team will play Eastern Oregon University at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18, in LaGrande, Oregon. The women's team is 2-2.

Junior art exhibit on display in Koehler Gallery

The Whitworth College junior art exhibit will be on display Friday, Dec. 3 through Friday, Dec. 17 in the Koehler Gallery, Fine Arts Building. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call the Art Department at (509) 777-3258.

Professor says 'Anna and the King' perpetuates myth

Hollywood's latest version of "Anna and the King," due to be released Dec. 17, is



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